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ARAB TIMES

Woman helps over kill husband

by Sayed Othman

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court yesterday sentenced a man and a woman to death for murdering the woman's husband. The court was told that the man, who is the cousin of the woman and with whom he was in love, entered her bedroom and stabbed her husband to death while he was asleep. The court was told that the woman, who had been married to the victim for only six months, helped the assailant enter the house. After committing the murder, the accused tied up his accomplice to make it look like she was not involved in the murder.

The next morning the murder was discovered by the victim's family as he failed to join them for breakfast as he normally did. Police investigators who arrived at the scene of the murder found no traces of violence or damage to indicate a break-in and were inclined to believe that the intruder had the help of someone living in the house.

During further investigations and interrogations, the wife broke down and confessed to having arranged with her lover the murder of her husband.

UAE blamed for alleged kidnap

BEIRUT, Nov 20, (Reuter): A coalition of Muslim clerics said today it held the United Arab Emirates (UAE) responsible for the alleged abduction of a senior Shi'ite Muslim clergymen.

"We hold the UAE responsible for the arrest of this honourable scholar and for his survival," said scholars of Hijaz Gathering in a statement.

Lebanese Shi'ite Muslim religious sources said Sheikh Abdullah Al Ghurashi, head of the Al Wafiq in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, was seized on Tuesday.

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3 tankers revert to Kuwaiti flag

By Jadranka Porter

THREE Kuwaiti tankers that were until recently under Liberian registry are now flying the Kuwaiti flag, according to a Kuwait Oil Tanker Co. (KOTC) source.

Another three Liberian-registered Kuwaiti tankers will revert to the national flag before the end of this month, the source said.

He also said that KOTC has not changed its position on any of the other reflagged tankers.

Renew

KOTC chartered three vessels from the Soviet Union last year. Asked whether Kuwait will renew its agreement with the Soviets which expires next May, the source said: "We'll have to see."

Diplomats in Kuwait have speculated that Kuwait's agreement with the Soviets and the reflagging arrangement with the US may come to an end at about the same time.

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It said he outlined the Navy's "progress towards self-sufficiency in several fields, including reconnaissance and patrol missions."



Gorbachev shares a laugh with Rajiv (right) during the signing of an agreement between the two nations. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gorbachev ends visit to India

UN urged to pursue Afghan peace talks

NEW DELHI, Nov 20, (Agencies): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi called on the United Nations today to pursue dialogue between warring parties in Afghanistan and said an international conference may be needed.

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Improved

In a joint declaration Gorbachev and Rajiv said no nation should have military bases outside its borders. But they did not elaborate, nor did Gorbachev offer to close Soviet bases abroad.

The two leaders said the international aim should be a "nuclear-weapon free and non-

aligned" international conference might be needed for a united and non-aligned Afghanistan to emerge following nine years of war between Muslim rebels and the Soviet-backed government.

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bly elections.

The results in the provincial voting could weaken her hand in the bargaining for support from other factions that Benazir needs to secure a majority in the National Assembly.

In Punjab, the country's biggest province, the IDA led by Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif won more seats than the PPP.

The IDA led the PPP 108-94 for the 240-seat Punjab assembly. Independents and small parties won the others.

But Benazir was strengthened by the PPP's control of Sind, where it won 67 of the 100 provincial assembly seats. MQM got 31 seats, while IDA won only one. Most mohajirs, Muslims who migrated from other parts of former British India at partition in 1947, live in Sind.

In North-West Frontier Province IDA won 29 seats, while PPP bagged 20 and independents 15.

In Baluchistan also IDA was supposed to meet in the next few days to decide whether to go

National Alliance (BNA) and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI, Fazal) won eight seats each.

The 483 provincial assembly deputies play a role in electing the Senate, the upper house of Parliament, and join National Assembly members and the senators in forming an electoral college to choose the President.

But Benazir said the provincial results had reflected the "sweep of the party" nationally and were a repudiation of her political opponents.

She said the PPP planned to form the local government in the biggest province Punjab with the support of independent members despite a defeat by the IDA in the provincial elections.

IDA spokesman Murtaza Poya acknowledged the PPP was "in a more comfortable position than we are" to obtain a parliamentary majority in the National Assembly.

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Party positions in provincial assemblies

	Punjab	NWFP	Baluchistan	Sind
Pakistan People's Party (PPP)	94	20	4	67
Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA)	108	29	9	31
Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM)	—	—	—	31
Pakistan National Party (PNP)	—	—	—	—
Awami National Party (ANP)	—	12	—	—
Baluchistan National Alliance (BNA)	—	—	1	—
National People's Party (KPNP-PP)	—	—	—	—
Pakhtunkhwa Party (PDP)	—	—	—	—
Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-Fazal)	—	2	8	1
Independents	32	15	6	1
Seats announced	240	78	38	100
Total seats	240	80	40	100

Kuwait vows to work for new state

KUWAIT pledged yesterday to work for the progress of the Palestinian state.

Kuwait also urged all the Palestinian factions to rally behind the PLO to enable the organisation to win more recognition for the new-born state.

Rashed Al Rashed, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, also said Kuwait wants to see Lebanon reunited.

Rashed told reporters at the end of a regular Cabinet meeting that Kuwait hopes peace will prevail in the region and the Gulf peace talks will be successful.

Pope urges

VATICAN CITY, Nov 20, (Reuter): Pope John Paul made a new appeal today for peace and unity in Lebanon.

"I invite everyone to pray that this dear nation rediscovers the peace and unity so desired by all its children," the Pope told pilgrims, including a group of Lebanese, at his weekly Angelus address.

The Pope said the declaration of the vice squad was to crack down on incidents of woman teasing, street disturbances and public acts of indecency, according to the Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Interior.

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Air safety talks

DUBAI, Nov 20, (Reuter): An Iranian delegation arrived in Dubai today to discuss safety measures for flights between Iran and the Gulf emirate.

Officials said the delegation, headed by civil aviation chief Ranee Isfar, would discuss plans by Dubai's flag carrier, Emirates Airlines, to fly to Iran by the end of the year.

The hospital source, who

China and Egypt recognise Palestinian state

CAIRO, Nov 20, (Agencies):

Egypt, after a delay of five days, extended formal recognition today to the new Palestinian state with retroactive effect, describing its proclamation as a positive step that would promote peace and stability in the Middle East.

China, Vietnam, Senegal and Gambia also recognised the new state.

into political gains.

Israel reacted cautiously to the Egyptian announcement.

Both the Prime Minister's office and the Foreign Ministry said they wanted to hear from Israel's embassy in Cairo before responding.

Unity

Israel's coalition government, in a rare display of unity, urged countries today not to recognise the Palestinian state and called the PLO an obstacle to peace.

The rightist Likud and dovish Labour parties, partners in the unity cabinet, joined in denouncing the PNC declaration while their negotiators met to discuss forming another coalition following inconclusive Nov 1 elections.

Cabinet ministers declined comment on an Israel Radio report that negotiators had reached agreement on a broad-based coalition that would enable them again to share power.

Troops shot dead a 22-year-old Palestinian and wounded three others in clashes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip today, Arab hospital officials said.

Five Palestinians suffered beating injuries during an Army raid in the West Bank village of Madama, Arab doctors said.

Hospital officials initially said a five-year-old boy suffered serious head injuries in the raid, but later corrected the report to say the boy was nine years old and suffered moderate head injuries. They said they did not know the cause of the injuries.

Today's fatality occurred during an Army raid of the West Bank village of Baqa near Nablus, said officials at Nablus' Al Ittihad hospital.

Troops opened fire after encountering resistance, wounding Yousef Mohammad Abdullah in the head and shooting a 16-year-old in the shoulder. Abdullah died soon after reaching the hospital, Ittihad officials said.

Response

5 Sikh militants killed in shootout

AMRITSAR, India, Nov 20, (UPI): Police today surrounded five Sikh militants in a farmhouse in northern Punjab and killed all of them during an hour-long gunbattle, police said.

Officials also reported the death toll of last night separatist attack in the Hindu-dominated town of Pathankot rose to 11 following the deaths of four wounded in the hail of automatic weapons fire.

They said three Sikh radicals on a motorbikes sprayed bullets at a group of Hindus lined up outside a liquor shop and left nine others injured. The assailants escaped.

Victims

More than 2,200 people have died this year in violence connected to a drive by Sikh radicals battling to create in Punjab the theocratic nation of "Khalsi". Many of the victims have been Hindus, who the militants are trying to terrify into fleeing the Sikh-dominated state.

Sanjeev Gupta, police chief of Tarn Taran in Amritsar district, said paramilitary officers early today began staging house-to-house searches throughout Algo Kothi after receiving a tipoff that armed militants were present in

the village near the Pakistan border.

He said the flushing operation prompted the five gunmen to flee from their hiding place and try to escape but were eventually cornered in a farmhouse.

Hour-long

Gupta said the gunbattle raged for an hour, with militants shooting Chinese-made assault rifles and security personnel peppered the building with light machineguns.

Upon entering the farmhouse later police found their fire had killed all five of the Sikh separatists, including Bakshi Singh, a senior member of the "Khalistan Commando Force," a hardline militant group.

Gupta said Singh was responsible for the rocket attack Wednesday that damaged an office of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party.

Earthquake

LOS ANGELES, Nov 20, (AP): An earthquake centred off the coast jolted southern California last night, alarming residents as far as 70 miles (112 kilometres) inland, but there were no immediate reports of injury or damage, authorities said.

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Muslims win equal seats with Tamils in Sri Lankan polls

Sinhalese party rebuffed

COLOMBO, Nov 20, (Agencies): A former Tamil guerrilla group captured 17 seats and a Muslim party won 17 in election for provincial council seats in eastern Sri Lanka, an election official said today.

Results of yesterday's elections were available for only one of three voting districts in multi-ethnic Eastern Province, but they showed a sharp rebuff of the predominantly Sinhalese party that controls the national government, which won only one seat.

Returns from the other two districts were delayed when poll workers refused to finish counting votes unless they were fed, residents reported.

Tamil guerrillas had vowed to disrupt the election, failed to do so despite killing one civilian and 16 Indian troops who provided heavy security around polling stations. Less than one-third of the eligible voters turned out, according to the election commission.

Lakshman Perera, deputy election commissioner, said results from the Batticaloa district had reached Colombo, but

those from the Trincomalee and Ampara districts were delayed by poor communications.

However, residents of the districts contacted by telephone said the delay was caused by an impromptu strike by poll workers late last night.

The workers stopped counting ballots when the dinners they said they were promised failed to materialise, according to the residents who spoke on condition of anonymity. Counting resumed this morning, they said.

Uncertainty

Perera said the Batticaloa returns showed 126,946 votes for the Elam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front, 42,100 for the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress and 756 for the United National Party.

A fourth group, the Elam National Democratic Liberation Front, did not contest in Batticaloa but is running in other parts of Eastern Province. Both the Tamil fronts were guerrilla groups, but their leaders have renounced violence.

The poor showing of the ruling

United National Party adds further uncertainty to the outcome of next month's presidential elections. The party's presidential candidate, Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa, faces a stiff challenge from former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

Both Premadasa and Mrs Bandaranaike are Sinhalese, as is the third presidential candidate, Ossie Abeygoonesekara of the United Socialist Alliance.

Eastern Province is about equally divided among Sinhalese Tamils and Muslims.

The elections were called to select 35 members for an administrative council for Northern and Eastern Provinces which are being merged as part of a peace plan designed to end a five-year-old Tamil separatist war.

The biggest Tamil rebel group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, boycotted the elections and had vowed to disrupt them. The Tigers said the merger of the two provinces fell far short of their goal of an independent nation.

Rajiv's Beijing visit

Indian team goes to China to fix itinerary

NEW DELHI, Nov 20, (UPI): A delegation left today for Beijing to finalise arrangements for Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's visit to the Chinese capital next month, an official said.

An Indian official said Foreign Secretary K.P.S. Menon and three other senior officials would meet their Chinese counterparts to decide an itinerary for the first visit to the communist nation by an Indian leader since 1954.

New Delhi has said Rajiv's trip loosely scheduled for mid-December will be aimed at improving bilateral relations.

His visit is expected to yield agreements on greater co-operation in trade, science and technology, and include a plan to start civilian flights between New Delhi and Beijing.

But observers are sceptical

there will be any breakthroughs

in the stormy relationship between the world's two most populous nations, at odds over two intractable border disputes simmering since a 1962 war along their Himalayan frontier.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday said during a speech in New Delhi that Moscow hoped India and China could settle their differences so the three nations could work together to "solve the problems" of Asia and the Pacific.

China occupies 14,500 square miles (37,550 sq km) of territory claimed by India in the remote Aksai Chin region of the western Himalayas. It also wants New Delhi to yield 36,000 square miles (90,120 sq km) of Arunachal Pradesh state in the eastern Himalayas as it charges this region historically and culturally belongs to Tibet.



Aquino in trouble as she marks 1,000th day in power

MANILA, Nov 20, (UPI): Philippine President Corazon Aquino completes her 1,000th day in power tomorrow, faced with threats of a transport strike and criticism from church, press and human rights groups.

Newspapers today blasted Aquino for failing to live up to expectations, human rights activists accused her military of kidnapping leftist opponents, and a religious leader denounced a government campaign encouraging artificial birth control.

Despite her claim to have restored democracy and turned the economy around, attacks from the three groups -- including a press she freed from more than a decade of censorship -- seem to signal growing disillusionment, analysts said.

An organisation of about 25,000 jeepney drivers announced a Manila-wide protest strike for tomorrow over fare cuts. Aquino ordered the cuts after reducing fuel prices.

Jeepneys -- elongated vehicles in psychedelic colours, descended from wartime jeeps -- are the Filipinos' main mode of transport.

Previous transport strikes were often marked by violence and police said today they were on full alert.

A statement from Cardinal Jaime Sin, the country's leading prelate, assailed a government campaign promoting birth control in the largely Roman Catholic Philippines.

Pakistan shoots down Afghan plane

ISLAMABAD, Nov 20, (UPI): Pakistan shot down an intruding Afghan plane yesterday, a military spokesman said.

Newspapers said the plane was hit by ground fire over the Kurram salient, which juts into Afghanistan west of Peshawar, but the spokesman gave no details.

It was the fifth time since August that Pakistan has reported shooting down planes intruding over the 2,250-km (1,400-mile) border.

Most of the intrusions were

Chun apology delayed

SEoul, Nov 20, (UPI): Former President Chun Doo Hwan, under pressure to take responsibility for corruption and abuses of power during his seven-year rule, has postponed a television appearance, news reports said today.

News reports, quoting an aide close to Chun, said the former leader who stepped down on Feb. 24 needed more time to complete a statement that reportedly would apologise for wrongdoings committed while he ruled Korea. His apology was originally

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Preparations under way for exchange of POWs

BAGHDAD, Nov 20, (Reuters): Red Cross officials began preparations in Iraq and Iran today to exchange more than 1,500 sick or disabled prisoners captured in the Gulf war.

The officials of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) inspected the prisoners at camps in the two countries to ensure they could be repatriated later in the week, ICRC sources said.

The exchange, three months after a ceasefire went into force between Baghdad and Tehran, will be the largest since the Iran-Iraq war broke out in September 1980, diplomats said.

Result

Apart from humanitarian considerations, the exchange will be an important confidence-building exercise which may help to break the deadlock over major issues at UN-mediated peace

talks.

An agreement to repatriate all sick or wounded prisoners by the end of year was the only tangible result of the latest two-week round of negotiations in Geneva.

An ICRC spokesman said chartered aircraft will ferry the prisoners home, probably starting on Tuesday.

The ICRC sources said 1,158 sick or disabled Iraqis and 411 Iranians will be flown to Baghdad and Tehran respectively in groups of about 100.

Uniform

Hundreds of Iranian prisoners, dressed in yellow uniforms, were driven in Iraqi military buses to visit the Shi'ite Muslim shrine of Kadhimain north of Baghdad on Saturday, witnesses said.

"It may be the first and probably the last time they'll see the shrine," said an analyst. Kad-

himain is one of four major holy Shi'ite sites in Iraq.

Iraq has freed 670 sick or wounded Iranians since the guns fell silent on the war front on Aug 20.

"Hardly an Iraqi family remains unaffected by war — either with someone killed or wounded or taken prisoner," said a Western diplomat in Baghdad. "The return of prisoners is a popular issue here. People have been waiting for it."

UN Security Council Resolution 598, the basis of the ceasefire and three subsequent rounds of peace talks, stipulates that Iran and Iraq should exchange all 100,000 prisoners of war.

But the two countries remain far apart on agreement on a general release and on other major issues, such as a troop withdrawal to international boundaries.

Iraq has insisted that the Shatt Al Arab border waterway, its major outlet to the Gulf, must be cleared of war debris as a top priority.

Proposed centres move closer to reality

THE Municipal Affairs Committee at its last meeting agreed to transfer sites allocated for proposed public service centres along the country's highways to the Department of Government Property and Services at the Ministry of Finance.

Condition

According to a local daily, the transfer is to be made on condition that the final designs for the proposed service centres will be submitted to the municipality for review and endorsement.

The service centres will provide motorists with auto maintenance, repair and other related services. The centres will also provide ambulances, petrol stations, restaurants, public conveniences, rest stations and branches of co-operative societies, the daily added.

Juvenile crime increases

THE number of juvenile misdemeanours sharply increased this year. A study conducted by Kuwait University in co-operation with the Ministry of Education indicated there were 1,970 misdemeanours in 1986 compared to 2,450 similar cases in 1988.

Most misdemeanours occurred among secondary stage students, the study said.

Dr Adnan Al Douri, a professor of family guidance and criminal behaviour, said that the high rate of juvenile misdemeanours is due to the failure of traditional establishments in guiding the behaviour of children.

Censoring

He added that many behavioural scientists believe that the roots of violence are implanted in children during early childhood. He called for stronger measures towards censoring children's TV programmes.

Want to change the name of your baby? Here's how

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE name of a newborn baby can be changed, but it's a long process.

Until a child is six years of age, a name change comes under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health, according to Faisal Al Fouzan, the controller of the Births and Deaths Registration Department at the Ministry of Public Health.

Documents

For older children or adults, name changes are handled at the Justice Palace.

Both Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis who want to change the name of their baby must come to

British fleet to stay in Gulf for time being

The Foreign Office, however, insisted that no change is likely for the time being.

It recalled that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had indicated during her visit to the Armilla Patrol last August that the Navy would remain in the Gulf until Iran and Iraq signed a formal end to the war.

A Foreign Office spokesman was commenting on a report in the Sunday Telegraph newspaper suggesting that the scale of the Royal Navy's units in the region may be reviewed following the recent resumption of diplomatic relations between Britain and Iran.

The newspaper went on to say that the Foreign Office is seeking the views of British ambassadors in the Gulf states on the importance of a Royal Navy presence being maintained after a formal end of the eight-year Gulf war is secured.

The weekly also noted that the restoration of full diplomatic ties between London and Tehran after months of negotiations is seen as removing much of the threat that existed to British shipping.

It was also pointed out here that three British minehunters are engaged along with Dutch and Belgian units in exercise "cleansweep," clearing a 300-mile safe channel between the Strait of Hormuz and Qatar.

Clearing

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BAHRAIN DIGEST

Technical seminar scheduled

THE second technical seminar of the Institution of Engineers (India) Bahrain Chapter will be held at the Gulf Hotel on Wednesday.

According to a press release issued here, the main subject of the seminar will be desalination and water treatment plants. Eminent speakers will present papers on the reverse osmosis (RO) and the multi-stage flash (MSF) desalination processes as well as the world renowned ionics water treatment process.

The seminar, which is co-sponsored by Mohammed Jafal & Sons Machinery and Automotive Services Division, is open to all members of the Institution of Engineers (India) Bahrain Chapter as well as the members of the Bahrain Society of Engineers.

A Majed Awadi, RD plants manager, will talk about the world's largest RO plants of Ras Abu Jarur in Bahrain.

Ahmed Habib, manager of the Sitra Power and Water Station, will present a paper on the process. The process is used by the Sitra Power and Water Station and supplies 60 per cent of Bahrain's desalinated water. The plant, which was commissioned in 1975, is said to have the capacity to produce 25 million gallons of water a day.

The subject of de-ionisation will be discussed by Ronald Bequain, ionics sales manager, Mohd Jafal & Sons. A number of water treatment plants using the world-renowned electro-dialysis reversal process of water treatment are installed in Bahrain.

The seminar will be opened by R.N. Ghosh, chairman of the Institution of Engineers (India) Bahrain Chapter and a leading mechanical engineer employed with the Ministry of Works, Water and Power.

Club to host reception

THE Lions Club of Bahrain will celebrate its tenth anniversary on Wednesday by hosting a reception at the Regency Inter-Continental Hotel.

Leading businessmen, dignitaries and members of the diplomatic corps have been invited to attend the reception along with Toriq Almoezay, Minister of Information.

According to Krish Noor, club secretary, Bahrain's Lions Club is the first and only one of its kind in the Gulf. The club is expected to have a membership of 30 after the inclusion of three new members shortly.

Noor said the club is renowned for its work and support for such social and charitable institutions as Child Care Home, Al Noor Institute for the Blind and the Rehabilitation Home for the Elderly and Handicapped.

The Lions International is one of the largest service organisations in the world with a membership of 1.3 million in 162 countries.

Boost for industrial sector

BAHRAIN is considering plans, including privatisation, to set up major new ventures to boost its industrial sector, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Development and Industry, Shaikh Isa Bin Abdulla Al Khalifa said on Saturday.

He said if everything goes well, easy banking loans and other incentives will be provided to private companies.

He revealed that new joint industrial ventures may be set up between private firms and the government.

Last week, the government announced the possibility of privatisation of some state industries on a limited scale. It is felt that the economy is mature enough for such a plan which should encourage investment and generate extra revenue.

There are also plans to expand the Bahrain Aluminium Co. and increase production to 225,000 tonnes per year.

Al officials meet Amir

THE Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Sulman Al Khalifa, on Sunday morning, received Rojan Jelley, managing director of Air India, (AI). He was accompanied by Indian Ambassador M.P.M. Menon, along with other delegation members.

Present of the meeting on the Bahraini side were Sheikh Isa Bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Development & Industry, Shaikh Hamad Bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, assistant undersecretary of Civil Aviation and Mubarak Kanoo, director of Kanoo Travels.

During the meeting the Amir stressed the importance of close co-operation between the national carriers of the two countries. He also underlined the need to strengthen the working relationship between Gulf Air and Air India.

Construction industry surveyed by office

KUWAIT, Nov 20, (KUNA):

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Analysing the construction work done during the year according to type of activity, non-residential buildings accounted for KD83.9 million, residential buildings KD61.5 million, roads and streets KD51.5 million and power projects KD36 million.

The rest were claimed by oil-well drilling, water mains and sewage systems, electrical networks, electrical installation and repair, heating and air-conditioning systems, it added.

Contracts

At the beginning of 1986, the establishments had in hand construction contracts valued at KD98.6 million, it said.

During the year, they acquired new contracts worth KD393.5 million and completed construction projects costing KD390.2 million, it added.

Work

The construction work carried out by these establishments during the year amounted to KD390.2 million, the report said.

The construction industry accounted for 6.1 per cent of the non-oil GDP of the country during

1986, it added.

Pianist to perform here

BY popular demand and in collaboration with National Bank, 7-Up Bottling Co. and Al Alameen Electronics Co., the famous pianist Ramzi Yassa will give his second performance of the year in Kuwait on Saturday in the new grand ballroom of the Kuwait Sheraton.

Yassa has established himself internationally as recitalist and soloist with orchestra and appears throughout Europe, the USSR, the Middle East and Japan.

His many radio broadcasts and television appearances have introduced him to an even wider audience, and his records include an all-Prinkovet disc and a recording of Tchaikovsky's "The Seasons".

His first compact disc of Chopin's "Four Ballades" and the Andante Spianato and Grande Polonoise was released to critical acclaim.

Bilbo

In London, Yassa has appeared in recitals at the Wigmore Hall and the South Bank and with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Charles Groves in a sold-out concert at Barbican.

The summer of 1987 included his most recent appearance with Zubin

Mehta at a Gala Music Night which was relayed from the Palais Garnier in Paris to an estimated audience of one billion television viewers in 33 countries.

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Chandra fails the Acid test

By Fathima Ahmed

BOMBAY-BASED producer-director N. Chandra made a promising start first with *Holi* and then with *Pratighat*, both off-beat films. *Pratighat* was a scathing comment on violence and terrorism, a movie that provoked dormant emotions arousing an abhorrence for brute force.

Unfortunately, N. Chandra's promise did not last long, judging from his recent release *Tezaab (Acid)*. It lacks the acerbity, wit, depth and finesse of his earlier movies.

Tezaab is billed as "a violent love story." One can understand love defined as indifferent, selfish, selfless, passionate, tragic, ignorant, obsessive, self-effacing or doomed. But

violent? How can love be violent. It is hard to swallow savagery in romance, no matter how romantic the notion may have been for the producer, writer, editor and director N. Chandra.

Yes, Chandra approaches romance differently, first using the superficial ploy — "Formula 420" — arousing envy to win favours. When Munna (Anil Kapoor) wants to win *Mobini's* (*Madhuri Dixit*) favours, he goes for the golden girl — Nikhita (Madakani). It works — he has the "time" to teach Nikhita psychology but is unable to find time for *Mohini's* requests.

After ignoring *Mohini*, Munna tells Nikhita: "It is not a question of lack of time; it is a matter of making time for

someone special." That *Munna* and *Mohini* later fall in "real" love is the director's contrived endeavour. Somehow Chandra manages to inject some moments of tenderness and passion, a reminder of his earlier talent. Baba Azmi's camera does justice to Chandra's direction — but this is just a flash in the pan.

Chandra seems confused, totally ill-at-ease with the commercial mantle he bears in *Tezaab*.

The beginning seems disjointed. Thirty minutes after the film begins, the credits roll and viewers are rudely taken from an engrossing half-hour into the past through a flashback.

The technique of flashbacks is also employed to narrate the "violent love story" of *Mahesh Deshpande* alias *Munna* and *Mohini*. Why *Chandra* chose flashbacks is hard to tell.

The theme of *Tezaab* could be the story of any one of the earlier thousand or more Hindi films. A good guy turns bad. Why? Every regular Hindi film buff can answer that query. *Mahesh* became *Munna* because of a series of traumatic events in his life. After the brutal death of his parents, *Munna* is framed by corrupt policemen on false charges when he beats up a man who was molesting his sister. In this background, he also has to face the arch enemy — *Lota Pathan* (*Kiran Kumar*).

The only novelty in the theme is *Mohini's* background. The daughter of a brutal, selfish, avaricious man (played by



Anil Kapoor

Anupam Kher), she is forced by him into a profession — singer-dancer on stage which she detests. There are moments of high drama when *Mohini* confronts her father, exposing him for what he is. *Chandra* has carefully bandied *Mohini's* anguish, a trapped woman trying to get a fresh start in life.

Chandra's previous movies were taut, to the point and forceful. *Tezaab* is loosely scripted, confused and unending. For example, once *Mohini*, kidnapped by *Pathan*, is rescued, one expected "The End".

No way. *Mohini* and *Munna's* reconciliation follows after lengthy footage involving the police's belated entry to prove their efficiency and honesty.

Perhaps, it will end now. No, it

goes on ... with more violence adding spice to the "love story". When it finally ends after an eternity, we have the feeling that perhaps it was not a romance after all. Or it would have been better if it were tragic romance or a full-fledged action movie. As it stands, it falls into a vague, obscure category — a hotchpotch of everything leading to nothing but gore and violence.

Madhuri Dixit looks sensational; *Anil Kapoor* tries his best to act tough and *Anupam Kher* is at his despicable best in the role of the man exploiting his daughter.

The above film is by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St, Farwania. Tel: 474-2900.

Kuwait Hotels Company to take over Hilton

KUWAIT Hotels Company (KHC) will take over the management of Kuwait Hilton from January 1989, according to a press release issued by the company. The Hilton chain's management agreement ends on Dec 31.

KHC Chairman Ali Ahmed Al Ghani and Al Jaber said they will change the hotel's name to Kuwait International Hotel.

Al Hamra: Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Wednesdays: seafood night; Friday's buffet brunch. Entertainment by the Marcus Band provide live entertainment.

Hunt Room: lunch and dinner rest., specialises in meat and fish dishes.

Le Tarbouche: daily lunch and dinner buffet featuring Arab cuisine. Thursdays: Arab world specialities; Fridays: buffet lunch and dinner.

Coffee Shop: International cuisine and daily special; ideal for casual or business meeting.

At the Rasmada: LE MIRAGE Night Club: Thursday night BBQ, full buffet; music by Al Arza Band.

Al Bendar Coffee Shop: Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Al Gandou Grill Garden: 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialities.

Open Garden: 7 pm to midnight; a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day.

Fish and Chips Shop: 4 pm to 11 pm.

Take away counter: 4 pm to 11 pm, Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

At the Continental

Gardenia: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food.

Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch.

Barbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

At the SAS

Al BUSTAN: Friday brunch: for families from 11.30 am to 3 pm, highlights include music by Polish duo Danuta and Feliks and video corner for kids.

Peacock Room: Chinese meals prepared by chef Von Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wonton, sauteed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetisers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Welsh Society: NOV 22 (Wed): Kuwait Welsh Society will hold "Tramps Supper". For further details call 3713467.

Kuwait Caledonians: NOV 23: St Andrews Night Dinner will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel. Guests from Scotland will be Abie and John Carmichael. For details and reservations ring 5335082; 3727690 ext 253.

Bedouin Picnic '88: NOV 25: From 8.30 am at Messilah Beach Hotel. The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society will hold a picnic. Games for children will be conducted from 9.30 am. For details call Mohsin — 4674055 ext. 386 before Nov 21.

Bangladesh Association: THE Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, will publish a souvenir on the occasion of Victory Day. Bangladeshis are invited to submit articles for the souvenir before Nov 30. For details call Zakir — 4741876; Musaddique — 2414191; Yousef — 434555 ext 2754.

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9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite

10.00 Qulob Al Baidah: Arabic serial. Starring: Anwar Ismail, Hala Sudqi, Ahmad Maraq.

10.45 Good Morning

11.00 Dars Kubousi: daily Arabic serial. Starring: Suad Abdullah

12.00 News Summary

12.15 Israr Al Bahar

1.00 News Summary

1.05 Holy Quran/Close-down

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran

4.15 World News via Satellite

4.45 Ra'ad Al Amaq: cartoon

5.15 Maama Anisa and Children

6.00 Islam Wal Insan: historical serial.

7.00 News Summary

7.20 Songs and Music

7.50 Quran and Science

8.30 Good Evening

9.00 News in Arabic

9.55 Maaka Fi Al Qalb: Arabic serial.

10.45 Ne'amat Hanem: Arabic play.

12.00 News Summary

12.05 World News via Satellite

12.30 Holy Quran/Close-down



Jake and the Fatman, tonight at 10.30 pm on KTV2

Captives..." Tonight's episode interviews people who claim they have seen aliens or unidentified flying objects.

10.00 You Can't Take It With You: "Late. Mr." A computer error causes panic. Starring: Harry Morgan. Comedy.

10.30 Jake and the Fatman: "The Men I Love."

11.30 News Summary

11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
The Last Hunter
Starring: David Warrick, Tessa Farrow

Al Salimya
Haunted Honeymoon
Starring: Gilda Radner, Johnny Wilder

Al Hamra
Vigilante
Starring: Fred Williamson

Drive-in
Malaf Samiya Sharawi (Arabic)

6.00 News in English

8.00 Miami Vice: "Child's Play." Crockett is distraught after he accidentally shoots at a 13-year-old.

8.40 Starring: Don Johnson

9.30 In Search Of: "UFO

Al Fahheel
My Lucky Stars
Al Jabra
Aliens
Granada
Le Gendarme Et Les Extra Terrestres (French)
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REMEMBER, it is as easy to marry a rich woman as a poor woman — William Thackeray, English writer (1811-1863).

Bush in limelight as Reagan era fades

By Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): President-elect George Bush is still two months from taking office but his workload is making it appear that Ronald has already vanished into history.

In the 10 days since his victory over Democrat Michael Dukakis, Bush has been pressed by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to reverse US policy in the Middle East, badgered by the financial markets for reassurance about his economic policy and been invited to meet Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

For the first time in 60 years, an outgoing president is being succeeded by a member of his own party and political experts say that in some ways the demands on Bush are greater than for previous presidents-in-waiting.

The vice-president had Reagan's strong support in the campaign and was given a major say in recent cabinet appointments. Bush's political interests have also been a factor in several recent policy decisions.

Takeover

With aides describing the transition from Reagan to his vice-president as "a friendly takeover," there is a temptation in some quarters to regard Bush as a de facto president in position to influence policy during Reagan's remaining time in office.

When Ronald Reagan was coming in and Jimmy Carter was going out you knew he had to deal with Carter until Jan. 20," says Steve Hess of the Brookings Institute Public Policy Group. "It wasn't the same family. You could deal with Reagan but he wasn't going to influence what happened between election day and Jan. 20."

Parish

Perhaps the clearest indication of the changed status of Reagan and Bush has been the behaviour of financial markets since the Nov 8 election.

The stock market and the value of the dollar tumbled sharply for several days after economist Martin Feldstein, a Bush adviser, said the dollar needed to drop by about 20 per cent if the United States hoped to cut its trade deficit.

Sudan peace hopes threatened by rifts

By Hamza Hendawi

KHARTOUM, (Reuters): Opposition to a breakthrough peace accord in Sudan's civil war could splinter the ruling coalition and delay an end to years of fighting and famine, diplomats said on Thursday.

The National Islamic Front (NIF), third biggest party in the government, said an accord signed on Wednesday amounted to surrender to the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) rebels.

"The NIF's reaction so far ... has bordered on the hysterical," a diplomat said. "It is now seen in the very unfavourable light as the one which does not want peace."

The SPLA's agreement signed in Addis Ababa with another coalition member, the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), calls for a ceasefire, an end to imposition of Islamic law, and a conference on the national constitution to begin on Dec. 31.

The NIF has campaigned for Islamic law and had threatened before the peace accord to quit the government as it felt its aims were not being achieved.

Fighting

Fighting that began in 1983 and famine that it helped cause forced three million people in mainly Christian and animist south Sudan, who complain of domination by the Muslim north, to become refugees elsewhere in the country. One million live in Khartoum.

Diplomats said the six-month-old government of Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi, head of the National Umma Party, looked set to fail.

"Mahdi may just sit on the sidelines and watch them fight it out and then he will join the side that emerges with more popular support," said a senior Western diplomat.

Trials and ideological differences within the SPLA meant there was no guarantee that all its factions would abide by a truce, the diplomats added.

SPLA leader John Garang

Caution and moderation to be keywords of Mideast policy

By Fathima Ahmed

THE world is poised on the brink of change.

The recent declaration of an independent Palestinian state and the PLO's acceptance of UN Resolution 242 have removed crucial obstacles to Middle East peace efforts. But their dilemma continues.

Since World War II the world's power structure has changed considerably. US political analyst Henry Trewitt believes "superpowers no longer command the influence they once did," despite all indications to the contrary.

NATO members are less willing to take dictation from the West. The American-Soviet cold war seems to be tapering off.

The Soviet Union, focusing on domestic reforms, is facing problems from its allies in Eastern Europe and has begun to moderate its influence in several areas of South East Asia, southern Africa and South Asia.

Medium-size nations are exercising their own individual foreign policy.

The Aug 20 ceasefire and Iran-Iraq peace talks renew hopes of regional stability. In Iran there is a visible shift toward moderation. The Palestinians are in an emotional mood as the intifada continues despite Israel's ruthlessness.

The gradual thaw in US-Soviet relations, moving towards healing a rupture of over 20 years

has vowed early negotiations with Congress to reduce the red ink. But he is hemmed in by his own campaign promise not to raise taxes and a reluctance to publicly repudiate any existing policies as long as Reagan occupies the Oval Office.

Stray

"He can't stray too far from Reagan's policies and kick him in the shins," says presidential historian Raymond Moore of the University of South Carolina. "So that constrains him."

George Reedy, former White House press secretary under Lyndon Johnson, said Bush has his hands tied in dealing with any problems that might arise before his inauguration. "All he can do now is make some symbolic moves," said Reedy.

Summit

Bush, who this week has met West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, must also handle public expectations surrounding next month's meeting with Gorbachev.

"He has a very careful tight-rope to walk," said Reedy. "He has to make clear he's not negotiating, do nothing that looks like negotiations."

So far, Bush appears to be heeding that advice.

His vice-presidential Chief of Staff Craig Fuller has stressed that the talks with Gorbachev, who will also meet Reagan, do not constitute a summit or a prelude to a summit.

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South Africa becomes a world arms leader

By Greg Myre

PRETORIA, (AP): The home-grown arms industry, insignificant before global sanctions were imposed in 1977, now meets the diverse needs of a powerful Army and has made South Africa one of the world's top 10 weapons exporters.

When the United Nations banned arms sales to South Africa 11 years ago, the country was producing barely 10 per cent of the weapons used by its Army, mostly small arms and ammunition.

South Africa, considered to have the continent's strongest Army, now makes 95 per cent of its own weapons and sells to 32 countries, according to the Armaments Corp. of South Africa (ARMSCOR), the government-run weapons building company.

Once some of the current ARMSCOR projects reach fruition, the Army will be one of the best-equipped outside the major powers. Fielding well-designed and well-made equipment optimised for its operational style," South African military analyst Helmoed-Romer Heitman wrote recently in *Leadership* ship magazine.

Exporter

With ARMSCOR as the driving force, the secretive weapons industry has become South Africa's largest single exporter of manufactured goods.

It is illegal in South Africa to divulge details of the country's weapons sales, but Jane's Defence Weekly of London estimates South Africa sold \$900 million worth of arms last year to foreign countries.

ARMSCOR officials have refused to comment on the figure or identify its customers. But the corporation expects a turnover of \$1.2 billion this year, according to executive general manager Johan van Vuuren.

South Africa's international isolation makes it difficult for the country to display its wares or negotiate openly, and the United Nations now urges members not to buy weapons from South Africa.

However, South Africa has participated in annual arms shows in Chile in recent years and advertises in international defence magazines. One of ARMSCOR's selling advantages is that its weapons are battle-tested as a result of South

Bush will tread a beaten track

Will US president-elect George Bush bring policies of continuity or change to the White House? American political and strategic analyst Henry Trewitt recently told representatives of the Kuwaiti press in a satellite link-up that all indications point to continuity.

gives a theoretical basis for a non-adversarial role by the US and Soviet Union.

Iran's threat to the conservative Arab states has visibly diminished. Yet, the hostage question remains unanswered.

In this perspective, a pertinent question is American president-elect George Bush's policy in the Middle East.

Trewitt claims the keywords for Bush's Middle East policy will be "caution and moderation" though expectations are high.

An Arab-Israeli settlement under the next US administration is likely to have a less negative and more forward-looking basis. Bush is known to be a moderate-centrist, a man who has no clear-cut, firm plans.

It is widely believed that Bush will continue Reagan's policy, as expounded in his second term. This means there will be no overt change in the US policy in the Middle East.

Challenge

"The Middle East will be difficult for Bush. As a moderate, he would have liked to take a new initiative. But the peculiar relationship between Israel and US, expected to be harmonious

under the next administration, will prove a tough challenge for the non-committal Bush."

explains Trewitt.

The PLO has adopted a visible, moderate position giving Bush "ammunition" to take a fresh initiative amid increasing diplomatic pressure to call an international conference on the Middle East. But this issue has been compounded by the complexities of politics in the region and its strategic importance.

Iran

The US can't ignore Iran's strategic importance. Its proximity to the Soviet Union was the driving force that led to the Iran-Contra deal.

Policy makers urge a shift,

advocating a change that can

improve US-Iran ties without

humiliation or concessions,

including a long trek on a humpy

path to normalising ties with Iran

within the next couple of years.

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Tactics

The JVP began an intensified drive Nov 7 to create enough chaos through strikes, murders, intimidation and protests to reach its goal. Many Sri Lankans see no end to the worst crisis since independence from Britain in 1948.

"The JVP wants power by arms," said the head priest of a Buddhist temple who refused to give his name, like many terrified of the extremists. "They will come and split my throat."

Those who have known him say the JVP's elusive founder, Rohanna Wijeweera, switched tactics after failing to carry off an ill-planned student uprising in 1971. His new strategy masked his true intentions to gain time and support.

Violence

But the JVP also has worked to disrupt essential services with strikes to fuel anti-government sentiment, extend its power through threats and violence, infiltrate the military and bureaucracy to undermine from within and steal weapons from the armed forces.

"It is a classic doctrine of destabilisation," said a diplomat.

Timed to coincide with the present escalation in violence,

Donors, relief workers avert widespread famine in Ethiopia

By Rory Channing

ADDIS ABABA, (Reuters): A year ago, as crops withered in the drought, Ethiopia faced a disaster rivaling its great famine of 1984-85.

"Only a massive relief effort will avert widespread famine," said Peter Newhouse, head of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Global Information and Early Warning System, said at the time.

The Air Force still operates

at 30 US-built, World War II-Vintage Dakota transport planes, believed to be the largest active fleet of that in the world.

South Africa's most advanced

fighter plane, the 2-year-old Cheetah, is an updated version of the French Mirage III, which is over 20 years old.

Sophisticated

In the artillery field ... (South African) weapons were more sophisticated than those used by NATO," said Luns, who also has served as the Netherlands' foreign minister.

South African weapons often

are derivatives of existing Western armaments,

military analysts say, but ARMSCOR has proved skillful in updating and adapting systems to meet local requirements.

South African XTP-1 attack helicopter is a rebuilt version of the French Puma, and the country's R-4 assault rifle is an offshoot of Israel's Galil.

ARMSCOR's latest product,

an eight-wheeled armoured car

called the Rooikat, is in the same

mold, well suited for South Africa's needs without being

strikingly original.

The Rooikat is less powerful

than a tank, but is far faster and

much more agile, necessities for

long-range reconnaissance mis-

sions common to South African military operations.

The vehicle has a 76mm gun,

can travel at speeds of up to 120

kmh (75 miles) per hour and go

for 1,000 km (625 miles) on one

tank of fuel.

However, South Africa has

participated in annual arms

shows in Chile in recent years and

advertises in international defence

magazines. One of ARMSCOR's selling

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JADRAKA PORTER

Great White Ghost of the Arabian coast

The USS La Salle which has moved from one hot spot to another during her 24-year long life is a ship which never seeks to pick a fight.

But aboard this ship many an action, offensive and defensive has been planned and the ship has played an important role in evacuating troops and civilians as well as carrying out command and support responsibilities.

Jadranka Porter recently went on board the ship and talked to the crew.

If the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war holds, the US will draw down on its fleet in the Gulf and the Gulf of Oman with many warships and forces gradually departing from waters that had them in a state of constant readiness for more than a year.

One ship that will probably not leave is the USS La Salle, the flagship for the commander of the Middle East Force.

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Disappointed

That is why those who expect her to be a heavily armed warship could be disappointed. The USS La Salle, which has spent 17 years in the Gulf, is the only white ship in the US Navy, painted white to reflect the heat of the sun. Her colour and long tenure in the Middle East have earned her a label — The Great White Ghost of the Arabian Coast.

As she glides into the port she resembles a passenger liner. Only the communications equipment above her superstructure and the twin three-inch 50 calibre guns placed at her stern indicate her real identity. But as she draws closer her sleek splendour comes to the fore. The crew, motionless and dressed in impeccable white, man the rail and her numerous

Navy insignia give her a special dignity.

She is adorned with many flags: the US flag and the ship's own crest. There is a Union Jack on her bow hoisted when she enters the port, and a number of signal flags. A small dark blue flag with two golden stars indicates that Admiral Tony Less, the commander of the Joint Task Force, is on board.

Once she docks there is a semblance of holiday atmosphere aboard. Sailors and officers await briefing before they go ashore. The mood is relaxed and jovial.

In the lounge, officers read newspapers, watch baseball on a large TV screen and chat. In the adjacent dining room a lunch of salad, soup and club sandwiches is being served. Officers in different uniforms, that of the Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force greet visitors with "Welcome aboard."

Once the briefing begins, instructions for those going ashore make many officers burst into laughter. The Gulf ports after all, have little in common with those in Spain or the Philippines.

Expensive

Most sailors find their port calls too short and expensive, say the officer. "They feel they are welcome here, but it's a cool welcome," said a ranking officer.

Going ashore in the Gulf usually means shopping, an invitation to an American home and playing sports.

The sailors are between 18 and 24 years of age. They are all

expected to be a posh

floating office, but in fact her interior is rather modest in appearance.

The Joint Task Force administration staff, which includes Army, Navy, Air Force officers and the Marines numbers 125, but she also carries 450 crew members.

Being a home for the top brass in the US Gulf Forces, the USS La Salle could be rather vulnerable. But her routes are always carefully planned and she is accompanied by warships, the officers said.

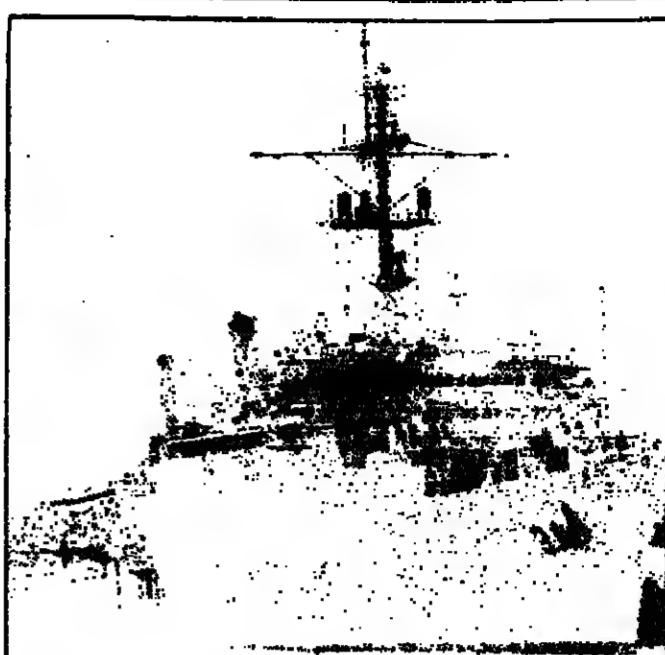
"She is not made for gunnery, but she is sufficiently armed for self-defence," said



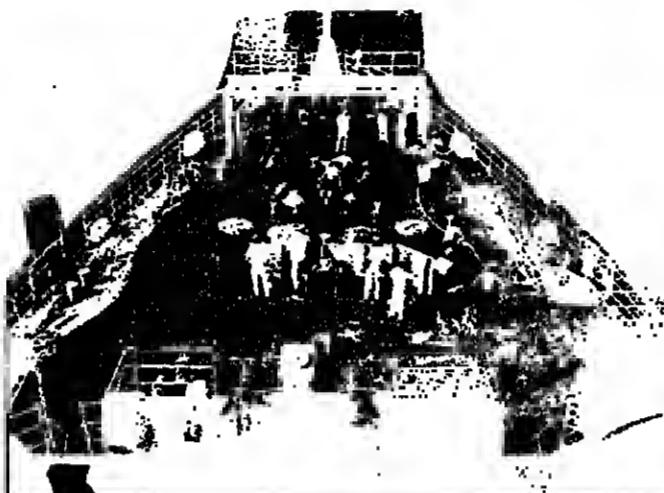
Crew members converse on the Quarter-Deck, literally the 'front door' of the ship.



Jadranka Porter talks to crew members in the pilot house.



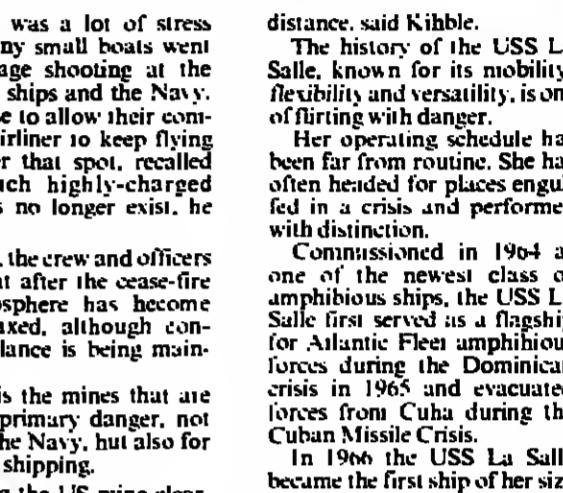
The USS La Salle: a home for the top brass in the US Gulf forces



Sailors on duty in the fore-end of the USS La Salle.



Admiral Tony Less: commander of the Joint Task Force on board the La Salle



The USS La Salle: a home for the top brass in the US Gulf forces

distance, said Kibble.

The history of the USS La Salle, known for its mobility, flexibility and versatility, is one of firing with danger.

Her operating schedule has been far from routine. She has often headed for places engulfed in a crisis and performed with distinction.

Commissioned in 1964 as one of the newest class of amphibious ships, the USS La Salle first served as a flagship for Atlantic Fleet amphibious forces during the Dominican crisis in 1965 and evacuated forces from Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

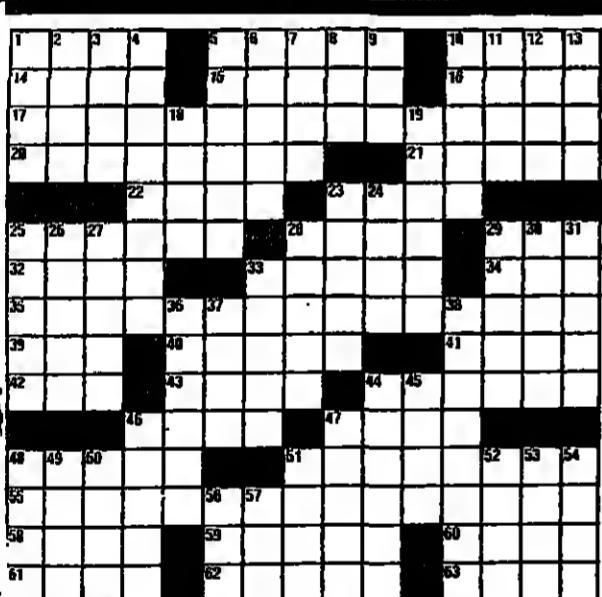
In 1966 the USS La Salle became the first ship of her size to successfully recover and return a Project Gemini space capsule to Cape Canaveral.

In 1972, after an extensive overhaul, the USS La Salle became the flagship for the Commander of the Middle East Force. It was then that she was painted white to reduce the heat effect on her 15,000 tons of metal. During the second overhaul in 1980 her air-conditioning capacity was increased.

In 1979 the USS La Salle assisted in the evacuation of 260 American and foreign civilian nationals from the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas.

In the late 1970s the USS La Salle became the focal point of the US activity in the Arabian Gulf. That she remains until the present day.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ASK FOR HELP
North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

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WEST

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EAST

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SOUTH

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♦ A K 5 4
* A 4

The bidding:

North East South West
Pass Pass 1 NT Pass

3 NT Pass Pass

receive the wholehearted endorsement of this department.

West led the king of hearts, and declarer congratulated himself on having avoided the possibly lethal club lead. His first task was to try to prevent the defenders from shifting to a club before he had the heart suit established, so he took care to play low from dummy on the first trick while dropping the eight of hearts from hand. Not surprisingly, West was able to make all his hearts.

The ship (The Vincennes) came back to us and told us what they had, they told us what they saw on the scene and what they intended to do. Our response was that the airplane must be warned," said Less.

It was also in this room that measures to prevent the recurrence of a similar incident must have been discussed.

The chance of an unarmed airliner being shot down now is extremely remote, the admiral added.

Bartlet: Her design, which includes a maze of narrow corridors and rooms which all look alike, appears complicated. Bartlet, who has only been on the ship for two weeks, still gets lost and occasionally has to ask for directions. He takes us to the flag briefing room, the most important room on the ship where all crucial decisions are, if not made, then at least discussed.

It was in this room, which appears pretty small and rather ordinary, that the top officers of the USS La Salle must have debated the course of action if not made, then at least discussed.

USS Vincennes should take before she downed the Iranian airliner in July this year, killing all 290 on board.

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THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart

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By Johnny Hart

YOUR STARS



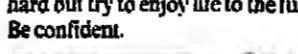
Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to make up your mind. If you are in too much of a hurry you are liable to make a mistake that could be almost disastrous. You should not try to use either. Be reliable.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

The Moon's less favourable influence will render you more liable to make mistakes. You should not allow others to tell you what to do. Venus' better influence will help you to enjoy life to the full. Be confident.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have some success in meeting your plans. However you must make sure you do not allow yourself to be distracted. Do not always think how much better off others are: they are not. Be more tolerant.



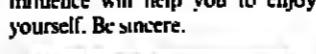
Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will feel more like your usual self today. Avoid allowing yourself to get into a rut. You will be too pleased with yourself, at both sides of the story. Be tactful.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will find the solution to a problem that has been evading you. You should not allow others to tell you what to do. Venus' better influence will help you to enjoy life to the full. Be sincere.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will be able to do something most interesting but you should avoid exaggerations. Also avoid spending money as if you were made of it. Ensure you are dressed correctly for the occasion. Be less dictatorial.



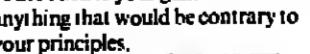
Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

This is not going to be a rather trying day for you. Make sure you do not do anything that is likely to be misleading. Stick strictly to the subject. Be hopeful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You should try to show a little more goodwill towards others. The Sun's more powerful influence coupled with that of Neptune will help you to stick to your guns. Do not do anything that would be contrary to your principles.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should have a little more faith in yourself and confidence in others. Do not allow yourself to be frustrated when dealing with a new subject. Ensure you do not neglect your private life. Be resilient.



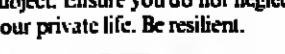
Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Others will be more likely to agree with you but you must make sure you do not ask too much of them. Also make sure you deserve their trust. Avoid eating simply out of habit. Be generous.



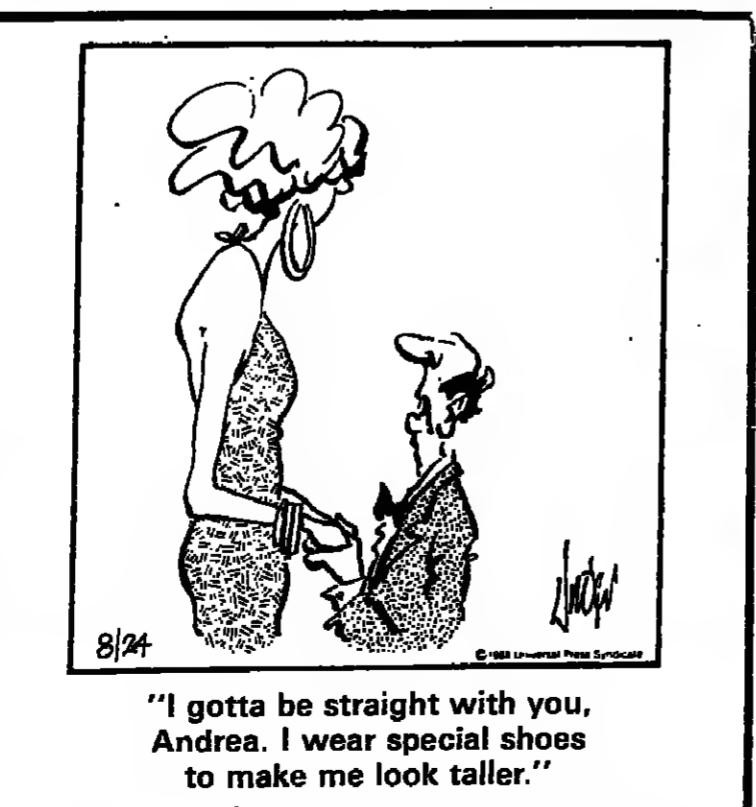
Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

You should have a little more faith in yourself and confidence in others. Do not allow yourself to be frustrated when dealing with a new subject. Ensure you do not neglect your private life. Be resilient.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You should examine the alternatives carefully before making up your mind. You should try to exercise a little more self-discipline. You should not allow curiosity to get the better of you. Be observant.



"I gotta be straight with you, Andrea. I wear special shoes to make me look taller."

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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TUNA	GUNS	ASTA	
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MEXICAN	HAIRLESS		
PETAIN	DDD	AVIS	
SDNG	BRIE	NDNE	
CAPIT	DIL	TRET	
SKIRRED	SIRE		
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Rampant in the Third World but growing in the West too

Condemned to a life of inhumane bondage

By Mary Kemp

UNDER the scorching sun and a nomadic village in North Africa, British author Roger Sawyer was offered a slave girl to take back to England.

She was seven years old, barefoot but dressed in a pretty blue-and-pink dress. And when she overheard her master's offer to give her away, she burst into tears.

Roger spent the next hour drinking mint tea and camel milk, trying to persuade the slavemaster that he had not come to buy a slave.

Roger had arrived with a cover story that he was doing a global study of child welfare.

He had not come to buy a slave. His real purpose was to discover the full extent of the slave trade. Not surprisingly, governments are very hesitant about issuing visas for anyone investigating slavery.

The rotund slavemaster was the first person to greet Roger in the village. But when Roger's interpreter introduced him as a "man interested in children" the slavemaster naturally thought he wanted a slave and offered the little girl sitting nearby.

Shocked

Roger was so shocked he could not be angry. He recalls: "The little girl was clearly well looked after and sitting happily next to her mother."

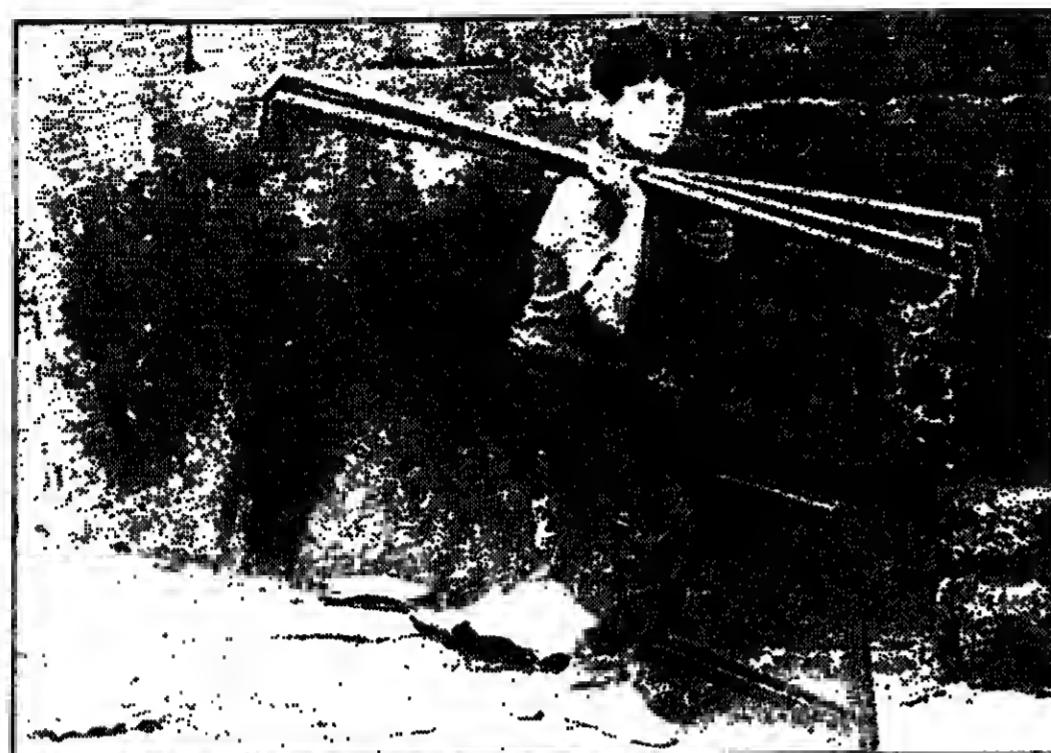
"So I asked the slavemaster, 'Wouldn't she be happier with her mother?' Whereupon I was offered the mother as well!"

"But I was seeing the nicer side of slavery," says Roger, who reveals there are more slaves in the world now than when slavery was made illegal in the last century.

The three-year-old girl chained by her ankle in the cellar of a Bangkok drugs factory is one of the sadder cases. She had spent her life moulding heroin into pellets with her nimble little fingers, until they were suitable for drug smuggling.

It is the vulnerability of children that has inspired 57-year-old Roger to highlight their plight in his book, *Children Enslaved*. As a father-of-two

An estimated 200 million children are forced into slavery around the world. It is the vulnerability of children that has inspired author Roger Sawyer to highlight their plight in his book: *Children Enslaved*.



An Italian child slave collecting scrap metal.

and a former headmaster, Roger has spent all his working life with children, until he took early retirement to become a full-time author.

His interest in slavery began when he was teaching on the Isle of Wight. There was a 12-year-old boy called Pedro in his class, the son of a Venezuelan minister. As Roger was interested in the plight of the South American Indian, he asked the boy what his government was doing to help the Indians.

The boy replied: "We are trying to exterminate them, Sir."

Roger says: "I was so dumbstruck I couldn't think what to say, but it started my interest in slavery.

"I was also further drawn into a study of slavery by a man called Roger Casement, after my wife Diana gave me a book

of his poems as a wedding anniversary present. He was probably the greatest anti-slavery campaigner this century," says Roger, whose first book was in fact a biography of Casement.

A year later in 1985 Roger was awarded the prestigious Airey award for his research into the concept of freedom in international law. With the £10,000 prize money he set out to research *Children Enslaved*.

Researching the book took Roger from the red-light districts of Paris to the carpet factories of India. In Thailand he found children working in the massage parlours of Bangkok. Across the Thai border in Malaysia, the same children are sold for as much as £1,000 because of the great demand for domestic servants.

Roger explains: "A lot has to do with tradition. Once, in time of famine, it was respectable to give away your child.

Thailand where the rice crop is totally inadequate, children are put into massage parlours.

In Sudan the slave markets are more like cattle markets where children are rounded up and sold for about £40.

Revelations

In his book Roger reveals there are at least 200 million children enslaved around the world, working in carpet factories, on farms and in the sex industry. They are frequently ill-treated and made to work for hours on end.

Most of Roger's revelations are quite horrific. Like the little children, some only six years

old, who work in the shoe industry in Naples. The glue they use is not only fast sticking but also very poisonous and paralyses many of the children who work with it.

Roger says: "Children are like timber — you can always grow some more. But, unlike timber, you don't have to wait."

Child labour is also free. There is no need for any health regulations, tax or unionisation because slave children know their only chance of being freed is if they keep their mouths shut.

In his book, Roger describes how the young boys used in the Indian carpet industry work a 20-hour day. In one northern Indian factory, any boy who stops working is beaten with an iron rod or length of bamboo. Anyone who cries is hit with a stone tied in a cloth, and the punishment for trying to escape is to be hung upside down from a tree and strangled in the armpit.

In India, children are often sold by mothers desperate for a few rupees for the rest of their large families. Others are mortgaged to moneylenders in order to buy food.

Roger explains: "These are called debt-bondage slaves and there are about five million in India. Many men mortgage themselves because they can't pay off their debts. But when they grow too old or ill to be a fit slave, they lobby their sons to pay off their debts."

Although slavery is widespread in the Third World, it is also growing in Western cities such as New York, London and Paris.

In Europe and America child slaves work in the sex industry in "kiddie-porn" and prostitution. "The physical suffering of children used in the pornographic film industry, in prostitution and in the narcotics trade makes the child labourers of the Third World seem privileged in comparison," Roger writes in his book. And he claims child prostitution is on the increase in major Western cities.

In Paris there are an estimated 8,000 child prostitutes, while in London police recently uncovered an evil ring of pimps working with 14-year-old boys in the bright lights of the West End.

Roger says: "Most of the male prostitutes in London are boys who have run away from the north of England in the hope of discovering a more exciting life.

"But they soon run out of money and are hungry and homeless. It is then they are picked up by the pimps who hang around Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square.

"I also know of cases in

Hampshire and of one on the



Children in a Middle Eastern country working in the brass industry.

Isle of Wight," he adds.

In his book Roger has exposed a growing evil. But he has also set out to find solutions

to child slavery.

He says: "The trouble in India is the poverty and caste system. Nationwide compul-

sory education is the only thing that could solve the slave problem there.

"In Africa, custom is stronger than law. Although slavery has been abolished, children are still being used as slaves. The United Nations could create schemes to employ these technically free slaves, which would not interrupt the custom."

"The answer to child prostitution is to make sure vulnerable children are given paid, worthwhile jobs instead of being lured into seedy employment."

So while the menace of child slavery spreads, what is being done to combat the problem?

With a sadly resigned air, Roger Sawyer says: "The United Nations meets for just five days once a year to deal with the problem of slavery. A lot more should be done there."

Children Enslaved, published by Routledge at £19.95.



A young girl working in a shoe factory in Italy.



A child slave in Africa working in a pottery.



A South American child slave fishing.



A child slave in the Middle East working in a tobacco factory.

FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND BREAST-FEEDING

QUESTION: I'm now 8 and 1/2 months pregnant, and I'm proud to say I've abstained from virtually all my vices and didn't even take an aspirin when I had a headache throughout my pregnancy. I'm going to breast-feed, and I'm wondering if it's possible for me to have an occasional alcoholic drink or a cup of coffee once again. Also, is it safe for me to take aspirin or an antacid?

ANSWER: Congratulations on your exemplary behaviour during your pregnancy. You've surely helped your baby during its development by abstaining from everything you've mentioned.

The key word in answering your questions about what is permissible while breast-feeding is the word "occasional". Although alcohol passes freely into breast milk, moderate ingestion (up to two drinks a day for the mother) probably will have an insignificant effect on your baby. Binge drinkers

and chronic alcoholics, however, should not breast-feed unless they abstain from alcohol, as high levels of ethanol have been reported to cause sedation in infants.

Caffeine from coffee, colas, tea, chocolate and other sources is excreted into breast milk in low amounts, but tends to accumulate in newborns when the mother ingests a lot of it. Therefore, you'll be within a relatively safe range if you have less than five caffeinated beverages or products daily. More than that and your baby may become irritable and have poor sleep patterns.

When you have a headache, it is permissible to occasionally take aspirin or ibuprofen (contained in products such as Nuprin and Advil). However, if you take aspirin too frequently, your baby might bruise easily. If you need an antacid, choose one in which the main ingredient is aluminum or

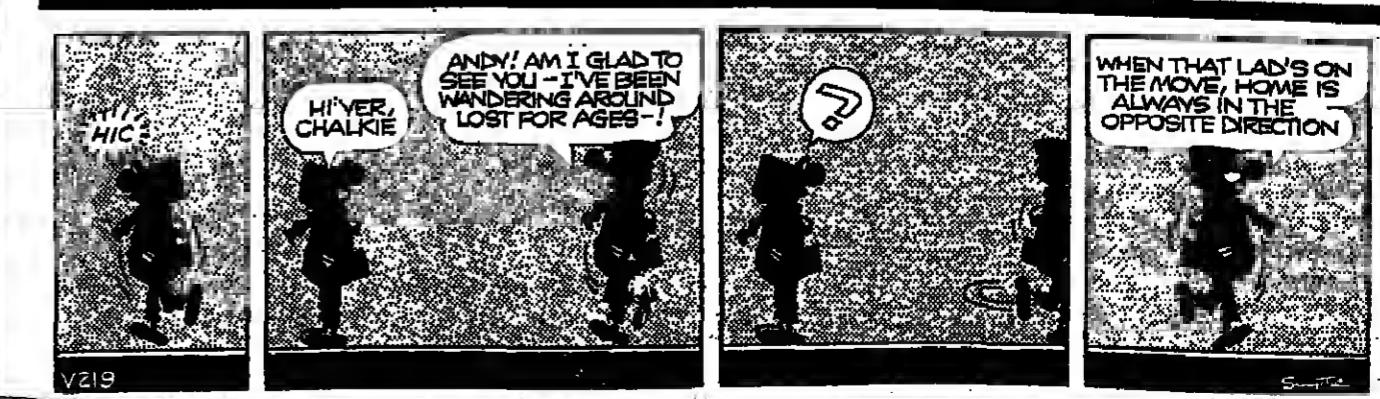
magnesium since they're probably safe in minimal use.

Other medications to treat various ailments may be permissible while breast-feeding, but make sure your doctor knows you are lactating. Remember that timing is critical? You should breast-feed your baby just before taking a drink, having coffee or any medication, and then delay nursing for four hours. The drugs or drinks you take will have their highest potency in your milk 30 minutes to two hours after taking them.

To the best of my knowledge, the above information concerns "safe" behaviour. Being "sure" is something else again, and would mean continuing the same rigid discipline you demonstrated throughout your pregnancy. Perhaps that would be the best plan of action.

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Acid House: latest UK fad

By Claudia Rader

London. (Reuters): The drug-induced death of a 21-year-old woman at an 'Acid House' party last month has blackened the image of the latest music and pop culture craze to hit the British scene.

Fans of Acid House music, decked out in fluorescent T-shirts and bandanas, smile dreamily, wave their hands in the air and strum to the heavy-thrilled sounds under pulsating strobes.

The style is psychedelic, the fans are mostly teenagers and the message is "have a good time".

Some are hailing Acid House as this decade's answer to the hard, angry, aggression of 1970s punk rock renewal, of sorts, of the simple good times of 1960s Flower Power.

But health workers are worried that beyond the friendly, mindless fun may lie growing use of the hallucinogenic LSD and the amphetamine-based designer drug MDMA, or ecstasy.

"Certainly LSD has made a big comeback in the sense that it's far more widely available than it was a year ago," said Ian Wardle, a drug project worker in Newham in east London. "MDMA is available at clubs and Acid House parties in the borough regularly."

Drugs

Nanny Janet Mayes died after she popped two pills of 'ecstasy', collapsing at an 'Acid House' disco in London suburb, the popular Sun newspaper reported.

The tabloid press intensified a campaign against Acid House with articles about about drugs and dancing orgies under such banners as "the evil of ecstasy danger drug that is sweeping disco".

Some retailers marketing the 'Smiley' T-shirts, and badges that are the uniform of Acid House fans, swiftly withdrew the products despite a sales boom, to dissociate themselves from the fad.

The Acid House style — a

hypnotic 130-beats-a-minute fusion of synthesised sounds with no vocals and no clear musical line — emerged in 1985 from a Chicago movement known as House.

It came to London the following year and began catching on at nightclubs with names like Trip, Spirit of Ecstasy and Trance, where one night a week is set aside to turn on the strobe lights and pump out the dry ice clouds that are the hallmark of many Acid House haunts.

"I like it because I can dance any way I like, it's friendly, there's no aggression here — everyone's nice to each other," said Paul, sweating profusely as he stepped off the dance floor at the Peace club, in Leicester Square.

Nearby, under huge heart-shaped 'Peace' signs, clean-faced young people wearing regulation garb — headbands, jeans and yellow Smiley face T-shirts sporting slogans like 'I Love Acid' and 'Have a Nice Trip' — danced with endless energy in the robotic, Acid House style.

Paul said he took ecstasy — a drug synthesised from amphetamines, euphoric drugs like opium and mild psychedelics like mescaline — the first time he went to an Acid House club.

"It was great, it made me very aware of my surroundings and it made me feel friendly." But he said he no longer took drugs and preferred clubs without them.

Wardle said the Acid House craze was sweeping through schools, starting among 13- and 14-year-olds.

Hype

"There's an umbrella culture that a lot of young kids will subscribe to. But the extent to which they are taking hard drugs is hard to know," he said.

Police say there has been an increase in ecstasy seizures, but no evidence of a boom in use of the drug, which was first synthesised in 1914 but did not become popular until it hit the US party set in the mid-1980s.

However, alarmed by a blitz



The scene at an Acid House disco in London. Smiley face Tee-shirts are part of the culture.

of media hype about vacant-eyed, drug-crazed kids packing Acid House venues, club owners have cracked down. Patrons are now searched at the door and bouncers patrol the premises to prevent any drug dealing.

Heaven is a drug-free zone," warn signs posted around one nightclub under railway arches in central London.

Managers of the Acid House night then decided to take the drastic step of closing down the club and reopening it under a new name in an effort to discourage drug users: "We're tired of having a load of acid-heads ... we're trying to create something for people who want to stay on top of the scene and not get involved with drugs," said a club spokeswoman.

Create

Some insist drugs were never an integral part of the movement. The name Acid House, they say, is taken not from LSD but from the black Chicago slang 'Acid Burn', meaning to steal, because music producers snatch and borrow sounds from other recordings to make their tracks.

"The drug scene has only happened because a few acid-heads came to clubs to take drugs and go berserk and give us a bad name," said Peace man-

ager Tony Johnson. "Drugs are not what we're into. We're just trying to create an atmosphere like having a party with all your friends, where you can be a bit more free-spirited and enjoy yourself. We want people to be more caring about each other," he said.

The Acid House trend has begun to push into the fashion world; young designers and even established haute couture houses are peppered with sprouting collections with Smiley faces, fringes, bandanas and tie-dyed materials reminiscent of 1960s hippie styles.

Music stores report brisk sales in Acid House records: seven of last week's top 50 singles were Acid House tracks.

"It's all we get asked for at the moment," said Derry Watkins, manager at the Virgin megastore music emporium.

Some believe Acid House is a flash-in-the-pan and say people will soon tire of its limited musical range. But the style has already begun to evolve, drawing in strains of European dance music, and is being played in clubs on the continent.

"The music may change but the scene will stay. People just won't forget what a good time they're having," said Nightlife critic Dave Swindells.

— The Christian Science Monitor.

ATHENS: Christina Onassis

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Dispute

But her name continued to make headlines over financial disputes with tax authorities and claims on her father's will.

One of her bitterest battles was with her stepmother, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, widow of President John Kennedy, whom she married the shipping magnate in 1968.

To settle a 60 million dollar inheritance tax debt to the Greek government, Christina gave up the 325-foot family yacht, which her father had named after her.

As a child, she had had her own playroom aboard, complete with a miniature model of a gambling machine and dolls clothed by French Designer Christian Dior. She was said to have ridden on pure-hired ponies given to her by the king of Saudi Arabia.

French and English governesses were kept aboard the yacht to teach her French and

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Gruelling fun

By Sophie Quinn-Judge

THEY bring their Olympic dreams here.

At the superbly equipped Sport Club of the Moscow Trade Union Council, nine- and 10-year-old girls race down a long mat, turn four neat hand-springs, and land in a pit of foam rubber. Do they enjoy training? They look at each other and giggle. "Of course," says one. "It's fun here — we're with our friends."

Gruelling fun. The day opens with limb-stretching exercises that bring tears to these tiny athletes' eyes. "Does it ever hurt?" one little girl is asked. "Sometimes," she says, in courageous understatement.

For would-be Soviet gymnasts, the path to the Olympics invariably starts in club schools such as this. The government pays all expenses, and the trainers receive regular teacher's salaries. The trade union school is a very ordinary one, head trainer Victor Vasiliyevich explains. "There are schools like this in every region of Moscow, and all over the Soviet Union," he says. His school hasn't produced any champions, as have others, like Moscow's venerable Central

Army Sports Club. But, like his students, he is hopeful.

The gifted children selected for this four-year-old school train four hours a day, six days a week. The staff appears to be tough, but compassionate; Vasiliyevich says the school's main goal is to make the children healthy and to teach them to love gymnastics.

Nevertheless, the practice of engaging young children in such intensive physical training has its critics.

After the 1980 training accident which left one Soviet hopeful, Yelena Mukhina, paralysed, some Soviets began to speak out against the pressure on child gymnasts. The youngest children in the trade union school are, in fact, only six. Some of them have trouble telling their right leg from their left.

Vasiliyevich counters that "unlucky accidents" can happen in any sports, and that the children "don't feel a burden."

"Sport is youth," he says. At the end of the session, the girls are bundled away, weary and exhilarated, by waiting grandmothers.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.



A coach stretches an aspiring Olympic gymnast at a Moscow training club.

Compliment pleases Raisa

NEW DELHI, (UPI): Raisa Gorbachev, delighted by a remark that she is the main reason for her husband's rise to the top of the Soviet hierarchy, asked her admirer to put the compliment in writing.

The Soviet first lady displayed her renowned qualities of charm and assertiveness during a meeting with prominent Indian women shortly after arriving in New Delhi accompanying her husband, Mikhail Gorbachev, on a three-day official visit.

"Please, please write this for me," quipped a smiling Mrs Gorbachev.

To laughter from the group, the statement was scrawled on a note and handed to Mrs Gorbachev who said she would ensure the idea became known to the Kremlin chief.

Mrs Gorbachev, dressed in a well-tailored, ivory-coloured suit, appeared relaxed and jovial during the 90-minute session, frequently breaking the reserve of the initially nervous women.

The tour was the only event planned specially for Mrs Gorbachev, who accompanied her husband to the finale of a year-long Soviet cultural festival.



Raisa Gorbachev: delighted by a remark

'Poor little rich girl' dies at age 37

Christina Onassis: a life tinged with tragedy



Christina Onassis: her life had all the elements of a Greek tragedy

English while she cruised on the Mediterranean. She later also learned Italian and Spanish.

Her father wooed Maria Callas on the yacht, leaving Christina presiding over the 40-ship fleet, which with its total 3.5 million deadweight tons is bigger than many world navies.

She owned the Alexander Onassis foundation, named for her brother who died in 1973 after the private plane he was piloting crashed on take-off at Athens.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Forex Club president chairs seminar on technical analysis

Moving averages, oscillators 'vital market instruments'

By M.C. Bose

A PARIS-BASED currency market analyst has said oversold market, moving averages and oscillators are vital market instruments particularly when the market picks up steam and seems volatile.

The Kuwait Forex Club conducted a seminar on technical analysis on Saturday at Kuwait Sheraton. Essa M. Al Attal, deputy manager of the foreign operation department of Kuwait Central Bank and president of the Forex Club, presided over the seminar. He also introduced the key speakers, Riccardo Tuttino, managing director of Fiotrend and Guy Ripley, international marketing manager of the same firm.

Prices

Tuttino said the application of the oscillator as an overbought or oversold indicator with a historical study of the differences (as a gauge of volatility) points out an excessive move in reference to a moving average, another study related to the velocity and by the way of angles. He emphasized that the importance of an induced correction from overbought or oversold conditions depends on the length of the moving averages combined.

He said calculations of the difference between two moving averages is most often used on the basis of closing prices.

The result is plotted above a zero line as long as the difference is positive and below the line



Essa M. Al Attal (right) pictured with Riccardo Tuttino.

when the difference is found negative.

"The moving average is a trend-following device which is one of the most widely used in technical analysis. It is the basis for the most mechanical trend-following system," Tuttino said.

The average of all the rates to a certain length of time is computed each day. One takes the last known rate of each day.

Charists have several moving averages for different lengths of time, for instance four, nine and 18 days. He added that "if the rate breaks while the moving average is going up, the upward trend will continue. If the rate breaks the moving average on the way down, the downward trend will continue."

Device

He said: "They are essentially a trend follower device. They perform very poorly when markets are trading sideways. They are particularly useful when combined with oscillators."

Tuttino told the Arab Times that fundamental analysis is

based purely on economic factors. Technical analysis reveals market trends and reactions, but they have one thing in common. Both use past data to project the estimate of the future. The fundamental facts can suggest a market strategy whereas technical analysis will be able to give the price levels.

Movement

He said: "We set charts of the price movement out of which we interpret the patterns. We also use other parameters which are meant to record the speed of the market's relative strength index."

A head and shoulder shape signals the end of a strong upward movement and indicates a reversal of the trend. The length of the shape is about two or three months.

The relative strength index (RSI) is a parameter which establishes the degree of acceleration of a market. It also shows the percentage of upward movements (by value) of a market compared to all



Some of those who attended the seminar.

movements — positive or negative by value. Tuttino said Fintrend uses a period of 15 trading days to determine the momentum of 14 differences of closing prices and for futures a period of nine trading days is used. This momentum is based on a scale of zero to 100 per cent. The area of zero to 50 momentum represents zero to 50 per cent of the movements and pressures that the positive movements were in the minority.

Tool

Tuttino said volume of trading is another subsidiary tool used with charts. Precise and accurate volume figures are not available

on cash markets, and most particularly on foreign exchange markets as well as gold (except the Tokyo market), while they are regularly recorded, mostly daily, on the futures exchange.

System

Fintrend was founded in 1986. It specialises in the analysis and forecasting of the market trends as defined by the relationship between the behaviour and the reactions of the sophisticated market techniques of the international financial markets (Forex and Credit Markets). It also offers a series of pages especially conceived for the trader-dealer on the cash and

futures markets.

Fintrend transmits by the teletext system in 34 countries around the world to 3,000 screens (between 3,500 and 4,000 readers) a daily technical analytical service with a minimum of three updates per day. It covers three major areas: Foreign exchange/spot-no including Canadian dollar, cross rates of the major currencies, futures markets, credit market, indices, monies and precious metals.

Leading Kuwait banking executives, investment analysts and currency market experts also attended the seminar.

Reagan signs insider trading penalty bill

WASHINGTON, Nov 20, (Reuters): President Reagan yesterday signed a bill sharply increasing criminal and civil penalties for violations of insider trading laws, the White House said.

The bill raises the maximum jail term for insider trading from five to 10 years and raises fines from \$100,000 to \$1 million for individuals and from \$500,000 to \$2.5 million for companies or partnerships.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) can also seek civil penalties of three times the profit gained or loss avoided for traders who violate the law by buying or selling securities using information before it is made public.

The bill allows the SEC to offer rewards for information about insider trading and to increase its co-operation with foreign governments on insider trading cases.

The stiffer penalties were sought because of continuing insider trading violations despite jail terms and large fines to several prominent cases involving Ivan Boesky, Dennis Levee and others.

The bill passed the House of Representatives 410-0 and was approved by voice vote in the Senate.

Sudan, Egypt and Botswana to get EEC aid

BRUSSELS, Nov 20, (AP): The European Economic Community's aid to Sudan this year will total 90 million European currency units (\$108 million), the European Commission said today.

Along new programmes announced today are a 15-million ECUs (\$18 million) post-flood reconstruction and rehabilitation programme and a 19-million ECUs (\$22.8 million) Sudan railway support programme.

This year's previously decided EEC aid included 20 million ECUs (\$24 million) for refugees, numbering one million in Sudan, a 17.8-million ECUs (\$21.3 million) fertilizer import programme, food aid and emergency aid to flood victims.

The EEC also announced today it will give 25,000 tons of cereals worth 3 million ECUs (\$3.6 million) to Egypt to help it ease its balance of payments following rocketing food prices.

Botsuana will receive 4,000 tons of cereals worth one million ECUs (\$1.2 million) to help the Kalahari desert population which has suffered from drought for seven years.

Bank official released

CITIBANK'S Indian representative yesterday left Kuwait after his release from police custody, sources told the Arab Times. He was arrested on Thursday for operating without a licence.

Envoy hails SBI's leading role

Bond scheme will help NRI recast his portfolio

By M.C. Bose

A SENIOR Indian banker has said the NRI bond scheme will surely assist every Non-Resident Indian recast his portfolio now that he has one of the best options with several advantageous features available.

K. Govindan, general manager of State Bank of India (SBI) for overseas operations, is in Kuwait, headed the delegation that consists of eminent tax consultant H.P. Ranina. The SBI team has already visited Doha, Muscat, Dubai and Bahrain and conducted a seminar on NRI bonds.

Magnitude

Govindan explained in a nutshell the magnitude of the responses received so far to the bond and said he hopes the NRIs in Kuwait will come forward in large numbers to subscribe to the NRI bonds. He also dispelled the prevailing notion among the NRIs about repatriability of the proceeds and said interestingly the bonds are freely transferable between NRIs and as such the holder can still redeem his investment in dollars by selling the bond to another NRI. He said that the NRI bond scheme was designed to incorporate most of the suggestions made by NRIs themselves through various forums in checking the NRI Consultative Committee constituted by the government of India.

Delegation

The delegation conducted a similar seminar at the Kuwait Sheraton on Friday.

About 500 enthusiastic Non-Resident Indians attended the seminar. The SBI team pins much hope on Gulf Indians, particularly the NRIs in Kuwait for their bond issue. The NRI bond 1988 issue was opened on Nov 14 and has generated unprecedented interest among the NRIs.

C.S.S. Khanpuri, chairman, NRI Investors Forum, introduced the delegation to the gathering. N.N. Jha, Indian ambassador to Kuwait presided over the seminar. In his opening address Jha appealed to



Picture shows (from left to right) Rajan Nireshwaria, H.P. Ranina, N.N. Jha, K. Govindan and C.S.S. Khanpuri.

creating a secondary market for these bonds. The NRIs in the world over, particularly from Hong Kong to USA, have shown keen interest in having substantial investment in NRI bonds.

H.P. Ranina, in his address, highlighted the income tax, wealth tax and gift tax benefits one will get if he invested in NRI bonds.

He explained how the clubbing provisions in gift tax may not be applicable in case an NRI bond holder gives the bonds to his wife and minor children.

The provisions of the recently introduced wealth transfer tax,

will not be applicable to the NRI bond holder since NRI bonds are tax free.

The capital gains tax, he added, is also not applicable to the case of NRI bonds.

Considering all the tax, interest and exchange benefits, there may not be another scheme like NRI bonds 1988 scheme.

He pointed out that after enjoying all these benefits, an NRI bond holder can put the maturity proceeds towards investments in industrial projects in India, or may buy real estate.

Nowhere else in the world has such an investment instrument been designed with so many advantages to the investor, he said.

For NRIs exercising the 'India Option' and those going to India for good and intending to become NRIs after 2 to 3 years, NRI bonds provide a good answer to them about transferability of bonds.

After a protracted question and answer session, Rajan Nireshwaria, vice-chairman of the NRI Investors Forum, Kuwait, offered the vote of thanks.

Central banks may need to dig deeper into their coffers

Dollar is in for a scary ride

LONDON, Nov 20. (Reuters): The dollar is in for a scary ride in the currency markets this week.

Dealers predict the likely resumption of a battle between speculators whose doubts about America's economy make them want to dump dollars and central banks anxious to stabilise the exchange rate of the currency in which the world does business.

The Americans, Japanese, West German and seven other central banks bought up to \$3 billion on Thursday and Friday showing the September trade gap down 15 per cent from August at \$10.46 billion.

It was a reasonable trade figure but people saw it as an opportunity to sell dollars. They wanted to get out," said Ian Amstad, an economist at Chase Manhattan Securities.

Robert Solomon, formerly with the Federal Reserve Board, the US central bank, and now a scholar at the Brookings Institution, said last week the Group of Seven industrial nations should lower the value at which their central banks will try to defend the dollar by 10-15 per cent.

And to end speculation about how far it might be allowed to sink, they should make that public. "It's the expectation of dollar depreciation that has the unfortunate impact..." he said.

Other analysts echoed a warning by Fed chairman Alan Greenspan that the United States cannot count on its allies indefinitely to bail out a falling

dollar.

"Europeans can't deliver anything more than hasn't been delivered. It's time for hills to be paid," Magnus at Warburg Securities said. "Greenspan laid it to the line, saying either reduce the budget or we'll have to pay money to assist America's exports."

But the trouble with a hike in interest rates to curb spending and prop the dollar is that they would crimp business profits and economic activity generally, while adding to a debt repayment burden in the Third World.

Fears of the higher interest rates are nagging Wall Street where stocks last week posted a fourth straight weekly decline.

"It's been a dismal week," said New York trader Edward Laux at Kidder Peabody. Many analysts blamed dollar and interest rate fears.

Traders and investors outside America meanwhile seem dubious about a Bush "flexible freeze" plan to cut federal spending.

"Bush can use it to his advantage since it's such an ambiguous term but my feeling is most people aren't encouraged at all by it," said Rupert Thompson, an analyst at Morgan Grenfell Investment Bank in London.

And to come home with the gold, the Grand Winners will have to excel in managing the computer-simulated exercise and outmaneuver their rivals.

Ernst & Whinney in bid to secure title for Kuwait

THE Benson & Hedges Management Challenge is drawing to an exciting conclusion, with eight Country Champion teams eagerly awaiting the grand finale in Penang, Malaysia.

The eight regional champion teams all won their respective Country Finals last month in what was described as one of the closest and most competitive rounds of the Management Challenge.

In Peoang this month, the eight teams will resume the battle to assert the managerial qualities which have brought them this far, and to win the title for their own countries.

Last year, Price Waterhouse of Bahrain achieved this honour in style at Ashridge Management College in the UK, which assists in the supervision and judging of the competition.

Title

This year, Ernst & Whinney from Kuwait are bidding to secure the title for Kuwait. Their performance in the Country Finals demonstrated their managerial skills which places them favourably in the Grand Finals.

To keep the title they have to successfully compete against the proven managerial skills of the six other teams for the Arab Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states. Their competitors are:

The International Airports Projects from Jeddah, The Saudi Petrochemical Co. (SADAF) from Riyadh, The Gulf Riyad

World Business Summary

Bankers seek to integrate Arab financial markets

ABU DHABI, Nov 20. (Agencies): Arab financial markets should be integrated along the lines of the European Economic Community (EEC) to attract funds now invested in the West. bankers attending a three-day conference said today. They said most of an estimated \$327 billion worth of Arab investments were concentrated in EEC countries, while inter-Arab investments did not exceed \$225 million. "We should work together to create the right investment atmosphere especially by linking Arab markets in one market so the investor will be able to move this funds," Anwar Al Khalil, chairman of the Arab Banking Union said. The Beirut-based union organized the conference in Abu Dhabi to discuss how to meet the challenge posed by Western banks, Khalil said Arab states should be motivated to work for a strong economic and banking entity with the EEC's decision to integrate its financial and economic systems in 1992. "Of course our markets can not absorb Arab funds altogether, but a common market and the creation of the right atmosphere as well as investment incentives could help to attract gradually," he said. Arab bankers have called for Arab funds to be repatriated in view of the world stock market crash on October 1987 and Britain's decision to limit Kuwait's shareholding in British Petroleum.

Meanwhile, the Governor of UAE Central Bank, Abdul Majeed Al Hamar said yesterday Arab overseas investment currently totals an estimated \$350 billion of which 90 per cent are in non-Arab countries. Hamar told a conference attended by more than 100 Arab bankers that such investments may be at risk because of changing conditions in international financial markets. "Ninety per cent of the Arab investments are still outside the Arab states, in spite of the crashes of the international monetary market," Hamar said. He was referring to the Wall Street crash on October 1987 which triggered sharp falls on stock markets around the world. Hamar said that the Arab investment abroad includes \$200 billion of government investment and \$150 billion in private investment.

US oil states propose plan to adjust OPEC output

VIENNA, Nov 20, (Reuters): Officials from US oil producing states have proposed that OPEC set up a system that would adjust monthly production by the organisation's 13 members to help stabilise prices, Texas railroad commissioner Kent Hance said yesterday.

Hance, a member of the state agency that regulates crude oil and natural gas production in Texas, told reporters that the US group had already met OPEC Secretary-General Sabot and Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa. Subroti, Sheikh Ali and other ministers from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries are in Vienna for preliminary talks before the group's biannual conference, which begins tomorrow. Hance said he had proposed that OPEC establish a system patterned after that of the Texas Railroad Commission which accepts monthly production proposals from oil companies and then sets production levels for each oil field in Texas. OPEC's Price Monitoring Committee could determine each monthly production allotment for its members, Hance said. Since 1973, the commission has permitted each Texas oil field to operate at full production "it's the marginal producer who determines prices," Hance said, referring to Texas' former role in the world oil market. OPEC used the price regulation methods of the Texas Railroad Commission, which was set up in the 1930s, as a model when it was founded in 1960. US oil producing states, which have been hard hit by falling prices during the past two years, are also talking with OPEC ministers "to establish a dialogue and act as an advocate of price stability," Hance said.

Oil officials from Texas, Alaska, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana are in Vienna and plan to have private talks with Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer and OPEC President Rilwan Lukman, who is also Nigeria's oil minister, he said. "If West Texas Intermediate (the US benchmark crude oil) goes to \$10 a barrel, we have real problems," he said.

On Friday, US oil futures for January delivery closed up five cents at \$12.91 a barrel.

OPEC presses on against odds in bid for Iran-Iraq deal

Proposal ready to break impasse

ENNA, Nov 20, (Reuters): OPEC ministers meeting inenna are resigned to a long and difficult haul in efforts to break a deadlock between Iran and Iraq over a new oil output pact, as the organisation is to avoid a threatened crash in sales.

"The intense behind-the-scenes negotiations entered a fourth day with no sign that the former Gulf beligerents had softened their positions, dashing hopes at OPEC could clinch a deal before a formal conference of all members opens tomorrow. Progress has been extremely disappointing," said Nauman Arakat, analyst at New York-based Prudential-Bache Securities.

"If anything positions have tended to such that it will be extremely difficult to get anything out of tomorrow's meeting. It might take three or four months."

Legacy

The dispute, a legacy of the Gulf war, centres on Iraq's demand for an output quota as is Iran's in any new set of production curbs. Iran, historically a bigger producer, calls it illegal.

OPEC President Rilawou of Nigeria held out some hope, saying a proposal was ready for tomorrow's con-

ference but he would not elaborate. "There is a proposal on the table," he said.

But traders have already pushed prices sharply lower on disappointment over the apparent failure of mediators Indonesia, Nigeria and Venezuela to achieve a breakthrough.

"If we get to Tuesday or Wednesday and the full meeting breaks down, prices will fall further," said Mehdi Varzi, analyst of London-based Kleinwort Benson Securities. Both Varzi and Barakat are in Vienna tracking the OPEC talks.

Attempts

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' attempts to shore up the oil market have been undermined for two years by the Iran-Iraq row which led Iraq to stay out of organisational production programming altogether. That encouraged other sellers to float their mandated quotas.

Today Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahman Al Chalabi repeated Baghdad's demand for parity at a meeting of Arab oil producers held at OPEC headquarters here.

Failure to mend the Iran-Iraq rift will almost certainly block a comprehensive deal among the 13 OPEC nations to cut production, now thought near 23

million barrels per day and about 20 per cent more than demand for the organisation's oil.

Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, might then resort to a tactic favoured in the past and flood the market to push prices even lower to stampede the others into an accord.

"The catalyst for an agreement may have to be still lower prices," said Barakat. "Dubai crude oil, one of OPEC's key Middle East blends, is already trading below \$10 a barrel, which is \$7.50 short of a organisation target price set in December 1986."

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, with large oil reserves and strong foreign investments to generate income, would be able to withstand a price crash. But delegates say options like Algeria and Nigeria could find themselves in economic crisis.

Plans

Two compromise plans already seem to have been abandoned. One was a proposal by Iran for equal export quotas while it reserved the right to pump more for domestic consumption.

Another was to set a lower output quota for Iraq to be topped up to Iran's level with oil from the neutral zone, a strip of desert between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

KUNA adds: a Kuwaiti official spokesman has ruled out

Delegates said attention now focuses on another possible package that OPEC hopes Iran could settle at home without losing face, apparently involving quota parity but within a low overall ceiling for all organisation output.

"Privately, Arab producers are sympathetic to the Iranian cause," said Varzi. "But they are not in a position to support it in public."

Output

A deal could involve OPEC setting a relatively low overall output ceiling for 1989, around 18.5 million barrels per day. That would tighten the market considerably, in line with Iran's "Hawkish" policy on driving prices higher.

Also, the Gulf Arabs argue, this low overall ceiling would mean Iraq cutting its output from present levels of about 2.7 million barrels a day. Iran would effectively have checked Iraqi expansion plans that could take volume to four million.

If Iran did compromise, the promise is also held out of better relations with Saudi Arabia which would fit in with a drive by such leaders as parliament speaker Hashemi Ali Akbar Rafsanjani to end its diplomatic isolation.

KUNA adds: a Kuwaiti official spokesman has ruled out

a meeting for the Gulf countries, members of OPEC, to settle out problems in the oil market.

The spokesman for the Kuwaiti delegation attending the meeting here told KUNA yesterday that there is no need for such a meeting.

He explained that there are no regional groupings such as Gulf and non-Gulf states in OPEC but rather OPEC members are here to discuss production and prices collectively within the organisation.

Quotas

A Western news agency had quoted a reliable source attending the meeting as saying that Iran had suggested holding a meeting with all Gulf countries, including Iraq, to discuss "differences in production quotas of those countries within OPEC."

The agency added that there was no clear sign of a closeness in the Iraq-Iran positions regarding distribution of quotas.

A source close to the Iranian delegation here affirmed to KUNA that Iran had tabled that proposal.

Iraq insists on producing an equal amount to that of Iran while Iran argues that the equal quota should be on exports and not production because Iran's consumption of oil is greater than that of Iraq.

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P. CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	260000	8
GULF BANK	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	10000	1
COMMERCIAL BK	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	540000	29
AKLI BANK	0.375	0.370	0.370	0.370	300000	3
B.K.M.E	0.390	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.R.E.B	0.390	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
BURGAN K	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	20000	1
K.F.HOUSE	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	320000	9
INVESTMENT SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
AWT INV. CO.	0.144	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.I.I.C.	0.140	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
COM.FACILITIES	0.470	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
ANILAN INV.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
I.F.A.	0.096	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INH. PEARL KUT	0.102	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INSURANCE SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT INSURANCE	0.730	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF INSURANCE	0.350	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
ANILA INS. CO.	0.580	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
WARBA INS. CO.	0.440	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
REAL EST SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT R.EST. CO.	0.208	0.208	0.208	0.206	200000	7
UNI R.EST.	0.091	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
NAT R.EST.	0.200	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
SAALIAN R.E.	0.080	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT R.E.I.CON	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INDUSTRY SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
NAT IND. CO.	0.540	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT M.P. IND.	0.295	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.255	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
REF. IND. CO.	0.395	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF CABLE	1.100	1.120	1.120	1.120	5000	1
K.P.N. IND. CO.	0.202	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
CONT.HARLINE	0.255	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K-SN.REP.CO.	0.045	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
SERVICES SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.N.C. CO.	0.190	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.170	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT WAREHOUSING	0.152	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KOM.MKT.CMPX.	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	80000	1
MOBILE TELE.	0.340	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT COMPUTER	0.172	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
FOOD SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.228	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
UNTD.FISHERIES	0.154	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
UNTD.POULTRY	0.216	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT FOOD PROD.	0.310	0.305	0.305	0.305	20000	1
NOM-KUT SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
BHN. INTER.BK	0.067	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
BHN.M.EAST.BK	0.054	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
UHTD.GULF.BK	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
COAST INVEST.	0.100	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
A.G. INV. CORP.	0.034	0.034	0.034	0.034	560000	4
FIRST.GULF.BK	0.620	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
B.K.I.G.	0.078	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT STOCK EXCHANGE	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P. CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
PEARL INV.CO.	0.098	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF INV.CO.	0.041	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF INTL. INS.	0.009	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
ARAB INT. CO.	0.055	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
SHARJAH INS.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF UNION INS.	0.070	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
B.GULF MEDICAL	0.028	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
C.R.K. WHITE CHIT	0.024	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
D.AJMAN CEMENT	0.007	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
E-FUJAIRAH CHIT	0.007	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
G-GULF CEMENT	0.012	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
H-UHM QAIWAIN	0.022	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET	P. CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
PEARL INV.CO.	0.098	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF INV.CO.	0.041	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF INTL. INS.	0.009	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
ARAB INT. CO.	0.055	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
SHARJAH INS.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF UNION INS.	0.070	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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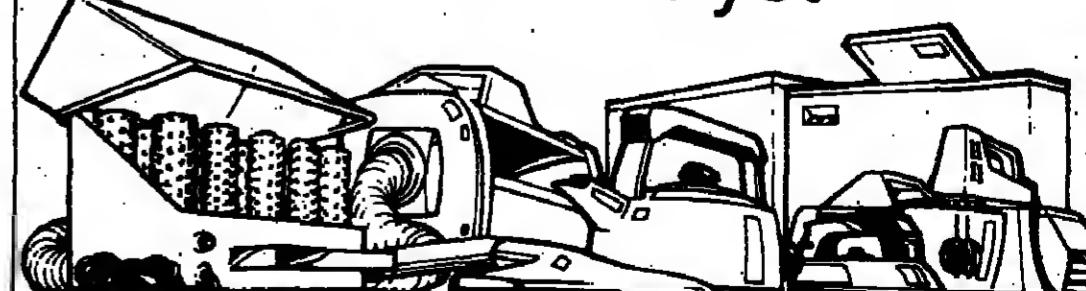
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Yugoslavia edge past France

GRADE, Nov 20, (Reuter): chef Platini's first match as France's team chief ended in a draw yesterday when his team conceded two goals in the final 14 minutes of their World Cup qualifier against Yugoslavia 3-2.

Platini, one of French soccer's favorite sons who took over the national side from Henri Michel this month, could not be wished for a better start to European Group Five tie.

Paris St German winger Christian Perez, one of the new faces lifted into the side by Platini, wed after only three minutes. But the lead was shortlived, forcing six corners, Yugoslavia equalised in the 11th minute when defender Predragasic headed in a free kick from the right by Safet.

Perez played a key role in regaining lead in the 68th minute.

GRAF OUT OF WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Shriver to face Sabatini in final

NEW YORK, Nov 20, (Reuter): Fifth-seeded Pam Shriver of the United States stunned world-number-one Steffi Graf yesterday to advance to the final of the million-dollar Women's Tennis Championship against Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina.

Shriver beat Graf 6-3 7-6 to snap a 46-match winning streak by the West German Grand Slam champion and become only the second player to defeat her this year.

Victory

"I concentrated as hard as I ever have," said Shriver, who beat third-seeded Chris Evert in the quarterfinals. "It's a huge semifinal win, but it's only big if we win the final."

Third-seeded Sabatini advanced to her second consecutive final in this last event of the women's tennis circuit with a routine 6-4 6-2 win over eighth seed Czech Helena Sukova, an earlier upset victim over second-seeded Martina Navratilova.

Defending champion Graf was hampered with a cold she caught earlier in the week but Shriver controlled the match with aggressive play and landed a high percentage of first serves.

Graf, who won all four major Open championships this year and an Olympic gold medal, said her cold affected her play slightly but gave Shriver credit for playing a solid match.



Shriver celebrates her victory after beating Graf. (Reuter wirephoto)

"In the beginning I was not right. I think she played good. She had a good steady serve, and my backhand gave me problems," said Graf. "Still, I think it was a great year."

Shriver and Graf traded breaks in their first two games but the American took the initiative in the eighth game with a three successful net approaches to Graf's rally to 5-4 with three strong forehands that forced errors from Graf.

Both held serve without difficulty in the first nine games of the second set, giving Graf an advantage at set point, 5-4.

Shriver saved the set point

with a crisp volley that followed a typically strong first serve and levelled the set at 5-5. Graf then held her serve to go up 6-5, and Shriver followed to force a tiebreaker.

Errors

Fifth-ranked Shriver, aided by two Graf errors and her sixth ace of the match, raced to a 3-0 lead in the tiebreaker and reached 4-2 before Graf rallied to 5-4 with three strong forehands that forced errors from Shriver.

But Shriver proved too strong on the last three points as Graf netted a backhand and a forehand long on match point.



Graf holds her head in defeat. (Reuter wirephoto)

Graf, who had only lost twice in the past two years — to Sabatini and Navratilova — said that she had trouble breathing in the first set but added that Shriver played well.

"I was taking some inhaler in the first set because it was hard to breathe. But I slept well last night, better than earlier in the week," Graf said. "I think she played good."

McEnroe to meet Krickstein for title

DETROIT, Nov 20, (Reuter): John McEnroe and Aaron Krickstein, both striving in quality for the Masters championship, scored victories in the semifinals of the World Championship Tennis tournament yesterday to set up a key showdown in the final.

McEnroe was sluggish at first but finished strong to beat New Zealand's Kelly Evernden 3-6 6-4 6-1, while Krickstein needed only 55 minutes to blow past fellow-American Leif Shiras 6-1 in his semifinal.

Victory in today's final is worth 400 points to the winner and could lift the victor into one of the three remaining berths in the eight-man Masters field that will compete in New York's Madison Square Garden starting Nov. 28.

McEnroe, who began the tour-



McEnroe: trying to qualify for Masters

nament in 17th place on the points list, came alive in the second set.

"I woke up an hour into the match," said McEnroe, who

berated linesmen on calls and was assessed a code violation for throwing his racket during the match.

"His game is difficult to adjust to because he goes for everything. I feel if I could just hang in there and get a (service) break at some point I'd be all right."

McEnroe got the break in the third game of the second set and held service from there. The third set was all McEnroe.

Evernden, returning to form after a case of tendinitis in his right knee, said his strokes were falling in nicely in the opening set. "Then McEnroe started coming to the net and hitting the shots he's known for."

Evernden said before the match that McEnroe's outbursts of temper didn't bother him. But after McEnroe complained about a call on an Evernden ace,

he admitted it threw him off his game.

"I didn't want to let it upset me but it did," said Evernden.

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Soviets open gap at top in chess tourney

SALONIKA, Greece, Nov 20, (Reuter): The Soviet Union, the current title holders, increased their lead to two-and-a-half points after beating England in the sixth round of the men's Chess Olympiad yesterday.

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Second seeds England were unable to halt the advance of the Soviet Union, with Nigel Short, the world's third-ranking player, being defeated in 23 moves by Soviet world champion Gary Kasparov.

Soviet ex-champion Anatoly Karpov beat the sixth-ranked world player, Jon Speelman of England.

The Russians secured their lead with draws in the other two games — Jan Ehlvest of the Soviet Union against John Nunn of England and Vassily Ivanchuk against Murray Chandler.

Third seeds Hungary were surprisingly beaten by an in-form Swedish team and now lie equal 11th with England.

The next three seeds, the United States, Yugoslavia and Iceland, all won against Czechoslovakia, Denmark and Holland respectively and moved up the leader board.

Bird, who will turn 32 next month, had painful bone spurs removed from both feet in a delicate operation performed at Boston's New England Baptist hospital.

Hospital officials termed the operation a success and said the 2.06 metre tall Bird, named to the All-NBA team in each of his first nine seasons, would wear casts for about six weeks.

Results

Results of National Basketball Association games played yesterday:

Atlanta	111	Golden State	92
Cleveland	106	Milwaukee	99
Washington	108	Boston	104
Houston	107	Detroit	98
Philadelphia	141	San Diego	122
Charlotte	107	San Antonio	105
Denver	134	LA Clippers	107
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Hassan vs A. Abraham and M.I. Iqbal vs P.

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Men's Singles

7.30pm — F. Mohyuddin or J.S. Anand

vs K. Chacko or P.K. S. and T. G. Thomas or

A.M. Ghazi; Thomas Kothi vs K. Kumalabur

vs Habib Hassan and John Varghe;

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Kiss of life

LONDON, Nov 20. (Reuter): Bristol Rovers' defender Ian Alexander needed the kiss of life during his side's Foothill Association (FA) Cup tie today — after swallowing his false teeth. Alexander was left choking on the dentures after a collision during his side's 3-0 first-round win over Minor-League Fisher Athletic.

Hlasek wins

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 20. (Reuter): Jakob Hlasek collected his second Grand Prix title in eight days today when he beat local player Christo van Rensburg to win the South African Open tennis tournament. Switzerland's Hlasek played a powerful serve-and-volley game to beat the unseeded Van Rensburg 6-7 (7-1) 6-4 6-1 7-6 (7-4) in just over three hours.

Canter triumphs

OITA, Japan, Nov 20, (AP): Jonathan Canter defeated Malcolm Allen 7-5, 6-1 today in the all-American men's singles finals of the Japan Dunlop circuit '88 tennis tournament.

Phoenix golf

MIYAZAKI, Japan, Nov 20, (Reuter): American Ken Green played a steady round of 71 today to deny compatriot Fred Couples, leader through the first three rounds, victory in the Phoenix golf tournament.

Elder ahead

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Nov 20, (AP): Lee Elder birdied two of the last three holes yesterday for a 1-under-par 70 and a one-stroke lead over Harold Henning after two rounds of the \$300,000 Senior PGA Tour event at Key Biscayne golf course.

Shield cricket

SYDNEY, Nov 20, (Reuter): Scores on the third day of the four-day Sheffield Shield cricket match between Tasmania and South Australia in Hobart: South Australia 382, Tasmania 244 for four.

Featherweight bout

LANCASTER, California, Nov 20, (AP): Abe Gomez, a United States boxer, pounded out a unanimous 10-round decision over Gustavo Lopez of Tijuana, Mexico, in their featherweight bout last night.

Challenge Cup

ROSEMONT, Illinois, Nov 20, (UPI): Next week's Chicago Challenge Cup exhibition tennis match between leading American Andre Agassi and Czechoslovak World No. 2 Ivan Lendl has been postponed because of a hand injury that forced Agassi to cancel an appearance last weekend at the Stuttgart Classic in West Germany.

British soccer

LONDON, Nov 20, (Reuter): Results of British soccer matches played today: English Division One: Sheffield Wednesday 0, Tottenham 2 (halftime 0-0).

Squash results

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Nov 20, (Reuter): First round results in the Pakistani President's Gold cup international squash tournament today:

Jasmer Khan (Pakistan) beat Farhan Samiullah (Pakistan) 15-6 15-13; Chris Dittmar (Australia) beat Jamshed Gul (Pakistan) 15-6 15-5 15-7; Mark Ladd (Australia) beat Abdul Fahim (Pakistan) 15-9 15-8 15-7; Mir Zaman Gul (Pakistan) beat Fredrik Johnson (Sweden) 17-15 15-12 15-11 17-15; Hiday Jahan (Bahrain) beat Ahmed Tamer (Egypt) 17-15 15-9 17-14; Chris Robertson (Australia) beat Alireza (Iran) 15-12 15-10 15-11; Anders Wahlestedt (Sweden) beat Pentti Pekkanen (Finland) 11-15 12-15 12-15; Zarak Jahan Khan (Pakistan) beat Mark Robbers (Australia) 15-13 13-14 17-9 15-17-16; Tristan Naracowar (Australia) beat Abdellatif (Morocco) 15-12 15-10 15-8; Umar Hyam (Pakistan) beat Danny Meddings (Bahrain) 8-15 15-12 15-13; Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) beat Ghousher Rehman (Pakistan) 15-17 15-7; Ross Thorne (Australia) beat Jones Cornerup (Sweden) 15-11 15-13 15-10; Qamar Khan (Pakistan) beat Amin Awdi (Egypt) 15-7 15-10 15-15 15-11; Peter Hill (Singapore) beat Maugood Ahmed (Pakistan) 15-10 15-12 17-15; Philip Whitlock (Bahrain) beat Tayyab Habib (Pakistan) 15-8 15-13 15-10.

Meridien outplay BTC

MERIDIEN Cricket Club scored a 25-run victory over BTC Cricket Club in a friendly match at the Yarmouk ground on Friday.

BTC put Meridien in to bat after winning the toss. This decision seemed to pay dividends after one of the openers was out for only two runs. Skipper Haroon and Mirza took the score to 25 before the former was out.

Mirza scored 40 and Morrin 30 as they took Meridien to 136 for the loss of five wickets in the 20 allotted overs. Danny and

Atif scored 25 and 21 runs respectively.

For BTC, Omer took three wickets while Kishore and Nadim claimed one each.

BTC opened their innings through Mahmood and Nadim. The first wicket went down at 16 after which the other batsmen lost their wickets at regular intervals and BTC could only manage 111 for eight.

For Meridien, Danny and Morrin took two wickets each while Riffat got three and Haroon one.

Despite conceding two holes on the front nine to the Welshman, Elkington won the match four and two, shooting five birdies and an eagle.

Craig Parry's six and four win over Mark James was also a tonic for the Australians and a good tune-up for this week's Australian Open at Royal Sydney.

Missed

But the hottest form of the day belonged to Rodger Davis.

Tormented yesterday by missed putts, Davis had eight birdies to finish with 11-1/2 points to Australia's 6-1/2.

Although Australia could not rescue the Test, Steve Elkington,

WALSH COMPLETES HAT-TRICK IN FIRST TEST

West Indies set to beat Australia

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov 20, (Reuter): West Indies pace bowler Courtney Walsh completed an unusual Test hat-trick, the first in 12 years, today before Steve Waugh led an Australian second innings fightback in the first Test.

West Indies remain poised to win the match with Australia 200 for six at stumps, still 27 runs adrift of the touring side's first innings total of 394.

But Waugh's courageous 90, which helped rescue his side from the depths of 65 for four shortly after lunch, injected pride into a performance that has been for the most part lamentable.

Feat

Walsh became the first bowler since Peter Petherick of New Zealand to take a hat-trick in Test cricket, and only the 18th in history. Petherick achieved the feat on his Test debut in Pakistan in October 1976.

Coming on to replace Curly Ambrose with the score on 65 for two, Walsh enticed Mike Veletta to attempt a book off his first delivery. Veletta, who had scored 10, mistimed his shot and Carl Hooper at mid-on took an easy catch.

Graeme Wood was greeted

with a fiendish yorker on his first ball to be plumb lbw, a decision which prompted a war dance of delight from Walsh and his West Indian team-mates.

Most at the ground took some time to realize the Jamaican right-arm bowler had completed a hat-trick, having claimed the last wicket of Australia's first innings by dismissing Tony Dodemaide.

The removal of Graeme Wood, who had not fielded in the morning because of a stomach complaint, brought in another 'wounded' Australian, captain Allan Border.

Border had dropped down the order to protect two broken fingers, one of which he injured catching Malcolm Marshall in the slips at the end of the West Indies innings before lunch.

Border and Waugh, elevated to number four, started slowly but grew in confidence, putting on 92 before Border spooned a legside catch to Desmond Haynes off Ambrose. He scored 41.

Waugh, who had been dropped by Gordon Greenidge in the slips when 18, was joined by wicket-keeper Ian Healy. Before lunch West Indies added 28 runs to their overnight 366 for seven. Craig McDermott

scored his first Test century before he flashed once too often at Marshall and flat-hatted a catch straight into Haynes's midriff at cover shortly before the close.

Waugh hit nine fours in his 249-minute innings, while

McDermott finished with three for 99 and off-spinner Tim May three for 90.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings 167

WEST INDIES first innings (366 for seven overnight)



Walsh (right) is congratulated by his team-mates after he dismissed Waugh to complete his hat-trick. (Reuter wirephoto)

took two wickets while Dodemaide removed last man Patrick Patterson who has not bowled in the Australian second innings because of a knee injury.

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AUSTRALIA first innings 167

WEST INDIES first innings (366 for seven overnight)

G. Greenidge b May 30

D. Haynes c Healy b Waugh 40

R. Richardson lbw b Dodemaide 31

C. Hooper c Border b Waugh 1

V. Richards c McDermott b May 18

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J. Dujon c May b McDermott 27

M. Marshall c Border b McDermott 11

C. Ambrose not out 19

C. Walsh lbw b McDermott 0

P. Patterson lbw b Dodemaide 0

Extras (b-5 lb-9 w-6 nb-28) 48

Total 394

Fall of wickets: 1-135 2-156 3-162

4-270 5-307 6-359 7-361 8-389 9-393

Schlesser wins sportscar race

MELBOURNE, Nov 20, (Reuter): Jean-Louis Schlesser of France gained a measure of revenge over Britain's Martin Brundle when his Mercedes team pushed the newly-crowned world sportscar champion into third place in the final race of the season today.

Schlesser, the championship runner-up, and West German Jochen Mass took full advantage of pole position to drive their turbocharged Mercedes C9 to victory in the 93-lap race in two hours 30 minutes and 51 seconds, breaking the lap record on the way.

Careca hat-trick takes Napoli past Juventus

ROME, Nov 20, (Reuter): A hat-trick by Brazilian striker Careca helped Napoli to a 5-3 win at Juventus today in a sparkling battle of attacking skill in the Italian First Division.

The result brought Napoli up to second place in the League, two points behind leaders Internazionale Milan who won 2-1 at Como.

The Juventus-Napoli match, billed as a clash between Napoli's Argentine captain Diego Maradona and Juventus' new Soviet star Alexander Zavarov, was the highlight of an unusually goal-rich Sunday, with 30 goals scored in the First Division's nine matches.

Napoli, champions in 1987, went to Turin brimming with energy and confidence. By the third minute they were 1-0 up after Maradona hit a free kick to Andrea Carnevale who knocked the ball home.

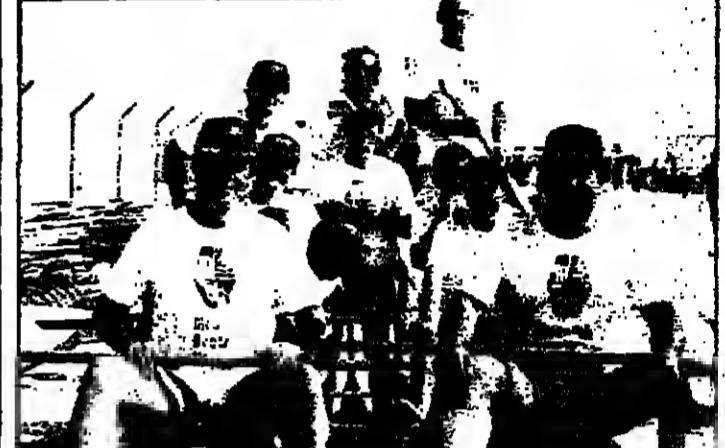
Half an hour later Careca scored his first goal after a fumble in the goalmouth and just before the interval he put the southern club 3-0 ahead with a

finely-angled shot.

Juventus fought back in the second half and were rewarded in the 48th minute with a goal from defender Roberto Gallo. Seven minutes later Zavarov proved his worth with a roaring shot from a pass from Massimo Crippa.

De Agostino scored Juventus' third from the penalty spot in the 78th minute after Danish international Michael Laudrup was brought down. Three minutes from time Carnevale suffered the same fate as Laudrup and Alessandro Renica put the penalty away for Napoli.

Results	Roma
Come	1 Inter
Juventus	3 Napoli
Lazio	3 Verona
Lecco	1 Avellino
Milan	1 Inter
Pescara	2 Torino
Pisa	0 Fiorentina
Sampdoria	4 Bologna



The Messilah Beach Moguls raft racing team which took part in the 17th Dubai Ratt Race recently. The team, which could not win the race, was the only foreign competitor in the event. Because of Moguls' participation in this race, it is likely that the Dubai Police, the winners in Dubai, may now take part in the 3rd Kuwait Ratt Race to be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel next year.

Tamil Nadu gain first innings lead

team, Tamil Nadu skipper Laxman Sivaramakrishnan, a former Test spinner who played for India at the age of 17 in 1983, missed a good opportunity to declare and give the visitors the chance to set a fourth innings target on the third day.

This did, however, allow Rohin Singh, a Trinidadian studying at Madras University, to compile a stylish 39 and Arun Kumar to hammer 36 not out off only 24 balls.

Kumar tore into the New Zealand spinners, biting four fours and two sixes in a scintillating 21-minute stay.

In that time 43 were put on for the seventh wicket before Singh was brilliantly caught one-handed at mid-wicket by John Bracewell to give Evan Gray a second wicket.

All New Zealand bowlers were rewarded but none looked

threatening.

Danny Morris, pressing for a place for the second Test, was sharp but a little wayward although he dismissed the dangerous Vakkalai Chandrasekhar, scorer of the fastest first-class 100 in India off 56 balls, after the openers had raced to 41 from 53 deliveries.

Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND first innings 288 for five declared.

TAMIL NADU first innings (overnight 49 for one):

B. Arun c Rutherford b Saedeen 5

V. Chandrasekhar c Saedeen b Morrison 41

N. Gautam c Rutherford b Bracewell 23

P. Prakash c Vance b Bracewell 71

K. Singh c Gray b Kuggeleijn 52

R. Singh c Bracewell b Gray 39

L. Sivaramakrishnan c Bracewell b Gray 13

A. Kumar not out 36

Extras (b-1, nb-8) 9

Total (for seven declared) 289

Did not bat: M. Venkataswamy

D. Girish, S. Subramanian

Fall of wickets: 1-14 2-